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Monthly Completion Report

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REPORT ON WELL COMPLETIONS IN THE UNITED STATES

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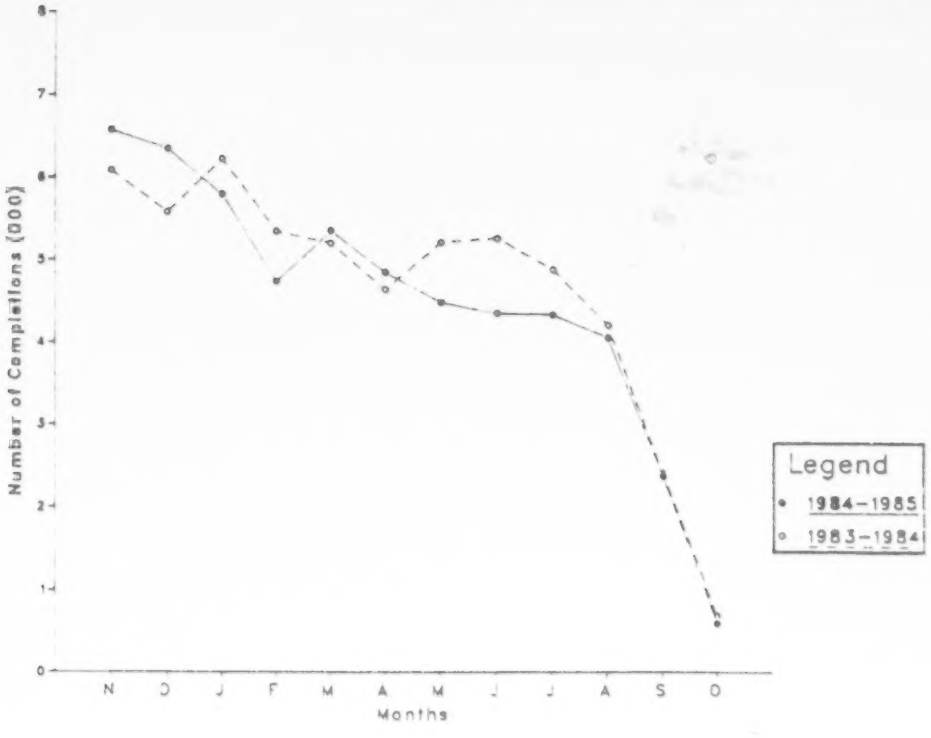

TABLE I: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF TOTAL WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF OCTOBER 31, 1985[1]

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES		TOTAL ALL WELLS[4]	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1985	20,589	86,480,824	7,598	42,760,669	12,742	65,109,334	40,929	194,350,827	41,848	197,540,182
1985: OCT	244	1,244,557	63	345,920	289	1,655,817	596	3,246,294	601	3,256,368
SEP	1,195	5,102,776	340	2,065,722	833	4,260,983	2,368	11,429,481	2,397	11,502,784
AUG	2,119	8,561,864	661	3,605,731	1,277	6,171,732	4,057	18,339,327	4,099	18,467,462
JUL	2,165	8,678,841	808	4,470,005	1,364	6,600,894	4,337	19,749,740	4,425	20,001,378
JUN	2,229	9,039,729	815	4,351,054	1,310	6,300,759	4,354	19,691,542	4,465	20,111,656
MAY	2,291	9,946,788	800	4,462,813	1,396	7,209,362	4,487	21,618,963	4,620	22,126,276
APR	2,486	10,439,964	854	5,007,588	1,508	7,717,247	4,848	23,164,799	4,949	23,496,304
MAR	2,688	11,493,788	1,023	5,892,858	1,642	8,232,890	5,353	25,619,536	5,494	26,055,940
FEB	2,353	10,204,247	1,025	5,851,255	1,357	7,287,947	4,735	23,343,449	4,859	23,759,917
JAN	2,819	11,768,270	1,209	6,707,723	1,766	9,671,703	5,794	28,147,696	5,939	28,762,097
TOTAL 1984	39,714	154,049,566	15,482	83,338,670	23,669	113,945,034	78,865	351,333,270	80,771	356,595,068
1984: DEC	3,093	11,822,406	1,334	6,891,528	1,921	9,923,845	6,348	28,637,779	6,476	29,042,113
NOV	3,290	12,507,163	1,434	7,255,037	1,850	9,259,215	6,574	29,021,415	6,714	29,451,472
OCT	3,321	13,477,947	1,420	7,555,957	1,918	9,211,964	6,659	30,245,868	6,856	30,852,968
SEP	3,270	12,317,923	1,299	6,794,394	1,951	9,140,273	6,520	28,252,590	6,647	28,600,106
AUG	3,514	13,108,978	1,464	7,691,411	2,374	10,814,252	7,352	31,614,641	7,520	32,121,853
JUL	3,593	13,644,781	1,310	7,183,317	2,176	9,942,974	7,079	30,771,072	7,235	31,223,204
JUN	3,538	13,169,855	1,373	7,181,370	2,238	10,170,135	7,149	30,521,360	7,316	30,959,379
MAY	3,436	13,400,056	1,254	6,946,703	1,882	9,178,767	6,572	29,525,526	6,730	29,908,048
APR	3,019	11,479,609	935	5,566,682	1,646	8,181,844	5,600	25,228,135	5,789	25,668,789
MAR	3,200	12,972,020	1,081	6,536,244	1,730	8,704,413	6,011	28,212,677	6,184	28,639,265
FEB	3,133	12,577,631	1,244	6,616,312	1,751	8,740,813	6,128	27,934,756	6,276	28,351,320
JAN	3,307	13,571,197	1,334	7,119,715	2,232	10,676,539	6,873	31,367,451	7,028	31,776,551
TOTAL 1983	35,859	133,279,585	13,973	74,721,098	22,976	101,730,382	72,808	309,731,065	74,785	314,406,843
1983: DEC	2,954	11,268,993	1,296	6,573,280	1,909	9,170,111	6,159	27,012,384	6,302	27,373,098
NOV	3,209	12,302,922	1,250	6,133,045	2,112	9,728,906	6,571	28,164,873	6,746	28,601,584
OCT	3,250	12,383,531	1,384	6,852,654	2,153	9,524,863	6,787	28,761,048	6,957	29,176,160
SEP	3,184	11,684,342	1,241	6,427,696	1,975	8,398,352	6,400	26,510,390	6,572	26,864,930
AUG	3,356	11,764,544	1,314	6,595,880	2,067	8,487,752	6,737	26,848,176	6,959	27,420,553
JUL	3,038	10,818,333	1,083	5,673,184	1,953	8,118,645	6,074	24,610,162	6,250	25,001,488
JUN	2,858	10,392,413	1,033	5,845,113	1,855	7,330,950	5,746	23,568,476	5,917	23,915,591
MAY	2,635	10,378,609	935	5,488,186	1,720	7,572,646	5,290	23,439,441	5,473	23,903,514
APR	2,554	9,825,117	869	5,188,805	1,555	7,163,725	4,978	22,177,647	5,100	22,466,018
MAR	2,864	11,024,824	1,070	6,114,425	1,839	8,499,207	5,773	25,638,456	5,935	25,970,865
FEB	2,539	9,651,119	1,083	6,048,677	1,719	7,808,824	5,341	23,508,620	5,460	23,815,386
JAN	3,418	11,784,838	1,415	7,780,153	2,119	9,926,401	6,952	29,491,392	7,114	29,897,656
TOTAL 1982	38,290	146,416,393	18,565	104,391,760	25,477	121,101,600	82,332	371,909,753	84,543	377,170,694
TOTAL 1981	42,770	169,286,455	19,875	106,353,606	27,228	132,731,148	89,873	408,371,209	92,254	414,222,696

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TABLE II: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF EXPLORATORY WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF OCTOBER 31, 1985[1]

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1985	1,192	6,894,758	743	4,862,059	5,789	32,482,328	7,724	44,239,145
1985: OCT	13	94,440	4	11,180	130	827,060	147	932,680
SEP	54	270,950	22	132,817	394	2,053,876	470	2,457,643
AUG	119	685,104	52	301,316	570	3,008,028	741	3,994,448
JUL	107	596,271	66	389,837	604	3,212,716	777	4,198,824
JUN	102	540,245	78	575,716	580	2,951,210	760	4,067,171
MAY	141	808,562	103	641,250	610	3,450,891	854	4,900,703
APR	130	696,496	94	648,172	674	3,897,518	898	5,242,186
MAR	172	1,061,327	86	586,736	720	4,094,148	978	5,742,211
FEB	162	1,007,923	106	713,092	667	3,928,307	935	5,649,322
JAN	192	1,133,440	132	861,943	840	5,058,574	1,164	7,053,957
TOTAL 1984	2,262	12,285,156	1,507	9,448,950	10,738	57,351,145	14,507	79,085,251
1984: DEC	143	754,056	99	528,042	930	5,390,212	1,172	6,672,310
NOV	174	950,356	98	588,049	837	4,674,246	1,109	6,212,651
OCT	162	834,770	135	880,301	926	4,730,582	1,223	6,445,653
SEP	213	1,174,397	123	825,765	875	4,500,427	1,211	6,500,589
AUG	181	968,256	120	785,725	1,029	5,428,094	1,330	7,182,075
JUL	189	985,072	148	959,426	1,034	5,134,263	1,371	7,078,761
JUN	194	1,098,077	130	753,662	1,044	5,232,215	1,368	7,083,954
MAY	215	1,179,396	132	815,187	821	4,508,229	1,168	6,502,812
APR	152	893,125	99	677,072	742	4,020,233	993	5,590,430
MAR	212	1,180,296	148	1,009,398	729	4,124,182	1,089	6,313,876
FEB	198	1,104,231	145	852,132	792	4,419,793	1,135	6,376,156
JAN	229	1,163,124	130	774,191	979	5,188,669	1,338	7,125,984
TOTAL 1983	2,096	10,457,717	1,627	10,122,368	9,885	47,978,912	13,608	68,558,997
1983: DEC	151	742,399	123	752,332	812	4,228,016	1,086	5,722,747
NOV	169	828,349	111	686,553	924	4,467,397	1,204	5,982,299
OCT	202	1,061,410	135	812,826	915	4,435,728	1,252	6,309,964
SEP	174	860,222	132	778,503	887	4,028,671	1,193	5,667,396
AUG	183	785,072	135	780,256	872	3,832,356	1,190	5,397,684
JUL	179	821,521	130	725,264	827	3,665,723	1,136	5,212,508
JUN	165	797,001	130	841,296	828	3,540,314	1,123	5,178,611
MAY	158	910,175	149	983,929	770	3,790,937	1,077	5,685,041
APR	177	870,476	131	858,033	639	3,322,054	947	5,050,563
MAR	174	933,550	147	878,954	770	4,073,417	1,091	5,885,921
FEB	170	922,628	145	972,962	702	3,711,093	1,017	5,606,683
JAN	194	924,914	159	1,051,460	939	4,883,206	1,292	6,859,580
TOTAL 1982	2,458	13,394,260	2,146	14,637,733	11,146	60,073,121	15,750	88,105,114
TOTAL 1981	2,667	15,436,606	2,530	17,027,626	12,284	68,793,797	17,481	101,258,029

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TABLE III: TOTAL NUMBER OF WELLS AND FOOTAGE ADDITIONS[1] BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR REPORTED TO THE API DURING OCTOBER 1985

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS AND DRY HOLES		TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[4] CURRENT MONTH	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1985	2,668	10,192,652	1,106	5,656,600	1,606	7,862,320	5,380	23,711,572	5,482	24,019,788
1985: OCT	244	1,244,557	63	345,920	289	1,655,817	596	3,246,294	601	3,256,368
SEP	968	4,122,111	286	1,702,707	559	2,702,200	1,813	8,527,018	1,831	8,577,491
AUG	702	2,370,939	262	1,296,457	335	1,621,177	1,299	5,288,573	1,313	5,334,804
JUL	236	803,404	109	550,081	161	757,527	506	2,111,012	527	2,167,349
JUN	150	435,571	78	386,485	70	258,104	298	1,080,160	307	1,103,833
MAY	105	407,653	61	279,860	54	235,250	220	922,763	229	963,462
APR	83	207,277	90	360,854	37	156,778	210	724,909	213	733,581
MAR	60	273,334	73	343,273	37	200,347	170	817,004	183	856,050
FEB	60	158,457	42	205,880	28	139,085	130	503,422	135	519,683
JAN	60	169,349	42	185,083	36	135,985	138	490,417	143	507,187
TOTAL 1984	408	1,004,963	177	785,021	163	531,375	748	2,321,359	797	2,416,474
1984: DEC	54	168,017	61	251,994	35	143,930	150	563,941	152	571,079
NOV	50	112,852	26	114,356	14	44,655	90	271,863	99	297,485
OCT	55	131,697	18	86,997	29	107,058	102	325,752	118	342,960
SEP	55	119,153	18	59,226	20	39,379	93	217,758	98	229,083
AUG	43	120,029	8	34,232	19	41,432	70	195,693	76	207,510
JUL	46	87,165	11	71,609	3	12,400	60	171,174	61	171,798
JUN	34	97,076	7	30,017	9	37,331	50	164,424	54	171,369
MAY	28	72,473	12	61,567	11	41,495	51	175,535	51	175,535
APR	16	29,462	1	24,745	4	11,353	21	65,560	24	69,020
MAR	14	31,783	2	12,297	6	12,402	22	56,482	22	56,482
FEB	8	24,831	6	21,039	9	20,990	23	66,860	27	77,166
JAN	5	10,425	5	16,942	4	18,950	14	46,317	15	46,987
TOTAL 1983	82	155,673	19	80,769	45	127,633	146	364,075	152	386,015
1983: DEC	9	26,844	2	4,655	5	12,555	16	44,054	16	44,054
NOV	14	21,014	2	12,578	3	12,625	19	46,217	20	46,913
OCT	3	11,644	2	10,968	6	13,782	11	36,394	14	52,123
SEP	2	7,260	0	0	5	24,543	7	31,803	8	34,865
AUG	5	6,454	3	9,146	2	4,590	10	20,190	10	20,190
JUL	22	23,156	1	2,205	7	18,010	30	43,371	30	43,371
JUN	5	20,555	1	4,215	2	4,295	8	29,065	8	29,065
MAY	3	16,239	1	5,699	2	6,998	6	28,936	6	28,936
APR	4	11,158	0	0	3	2,925	7	14,083	8	16,536
MAR	0	0	2	12,095	3	12,117	5	24,212	5	24,212
FEB	3	3,760	1	1,211	3	4,060	7	9,031	7	9,031
JAN	12	7,589	4	17,997	4	11,133	20	36,719	20	36,719
TOTAL 1982	37	63,322	11	46,640	23	48,304	71	158,266	73	165,111
YRS PRIOR TO 1982	48	93,552	23	99,598	15	33,668	86	226,818	87	230,668
TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[5]	3,243	11,510,162	1,336	6,668,628	1,852	8,603,300	6,431	26,782,090	6,591	27,218,056

See footnotes on page 5.

TABLE I AND TABLE II:

1. The cumulative number of wells reported in this table is the total number of wells included in the API database for each of the months and years shown, as of October 31, 1985. These data are preliminary and subject to further revisions.

2. Includes multiple completion wells which produce oil from at least one zone, but may produce gas from one or more zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well.

3. Includes multiple completion wells which produce gas from all zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well. Gas wells also include so-called condensate wells.

4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. (Not applicable to Table II.)

TABLES III:

1. Total number of wells received by the API during the report month and classified by completion month and year. These wells are included in Tables I and II.

2. See footnote (2) above.

3. See footnote (3) above.

4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells.

5. Total wells reported are those received by the API for the report period October 1, 1985 through October 31, 1985. The sub-totals shown for each yearly period may not add up to the total wells reported for the period. Some wells, received during the report period, may have been completed in years prior to those shown in Table III.

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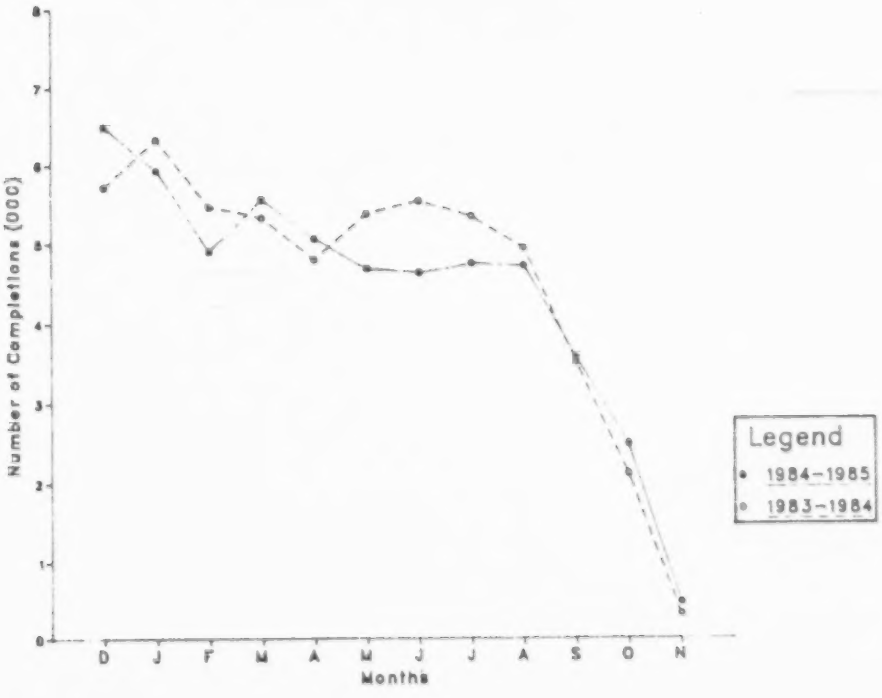

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	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1985	23,540	97,584,567	8,825	49,040,339	14,359	72,995,890	46,724	219,620,796	47,753	223,139,270
1985: NOV	205	1,033,552	57	302,694	206	1,269,043	468	2,605,289	475	2,617,307
OCT	1,213	5,400,608	413	2,283,104	855	4,276,825	2,481	11,960,537	2,507	12,049,069
SEP	1,832	7,376,743	593	3,363,106	1,138	5,821,708	3,563	16,561,557	3,614	16,704,793
AUG	2,443	9,836,976	796	4,300,708	1,472	7,079,392	4,711	21,217,076	4,765	21,374,119
JUL	2,375	9,356,985	890	4,865,958	1,477	7,087,149	4,742	21,310,092	4,848	21,629,684
JUN	2,357	9,496,810	881	4,685,489	1,389	6,700,418	4,627	20,882,717	4,738	21,302,831
MAY	2,386	10,228,285	850	4,741,196	1,443	7,410,548	4,679	22,380,029	4,816	22,896,630
APR	2,604	10,730,218	911	5,267,075	1,546	7,878,917	5,061	23,876,210	5,170	24,231,669
MAR	2,802	11,786,719	1,091	6,178,988	1,663	8,335,704	5,556	26,301,411	5,706	26,759,207
FEB	2,430	10,402,835	1,090	6,128,730	1,382	7,370,656	4,902	23,902,221	5,028	24,322,792
JAN	2,893	11,934,836	1,253	6,923,291	1,788	9,765,530	5,934	28,623,657	6,086	29,251,169
TOTAL 1984	40,103	154,788,988	15,639	84,038,169	23,778	114,373,366	79,520	353,200,523	81,465	358,528,689
1984: DEC	3,188	11,987,250	1,371	7,042,472	1,937	9,976,690	6,496	29,006,412	6,630	29,427,672
NOV	3,334	12,609,145	1,470	7,412,299	1,871	9,337,153	6,675	29,358,597	6,824	29,796,174
OCT	3,355	13,548,057	1,440	7,645,473	1,934	9,270,234	6,729	30,463,764	6,934	31,086,126
SEP	3,308	12,365,731	1,308	6,856,656	1,966	9,198,824	6,582	28,421,211	6,710	28,769,995
AUG	3,542	13,157,061	1,473	7,741,207	2,387	10,866,669	7,402	31,764,937	7,575	32,280,747
JUL	3,623	13,703,609	1,318	7,232,043	2,185	9,984,751	7,126	30,920,403	7,267	31,380,078
JUN	3,567	13,250,725	1,380	7,222,646	2,243	10,193,094	7,190	30,666,465	7,358	31,106,374
MAY	3,454	13,416,027	1,262	6,974,684	1,886	9,197,154	6,602	29,587,865	6,764	29,977,748
APR	3,034	11,515,524	937	5,573,980	1,654	8,207,323	5,625	25,296,827	5,814	25,737,481
MAR	3,223	13,024,722	1,087	6,555,737	1,731	8,711,875	6,041	28,292,334	6,214	28,718,922
FEB	3,158	12,626,230	1,255	6,645,887	1,751	8,735,131	6,164	28,007,248	6,312	28,423,812
JAN	3,317	13,584,907	1,338	7,135,085	2,233	10,694,468	6,888	31,414,460	7,043	31,823,560
TOTAL 1983	35,535	133,433,316	13,989	74,775,210	23,009	101,823,594	72,933	310,032,120	74,916	314,717,604
1983: DEC	2,970	11,305,857	1,299	6,581,710	1,914	9,177,770	6,183	27,065,337	6,327	27,427,991
NOV	3,217	12,325,249	1,252	6,139,171	2,113	9,735,136	6,582	28,199,556	6,759	28,638,093
OCT	3,265	12,419,720	1,387	6,857,512	2,159	9,534,070	6,811	28,811,302	6,981	29,226,414
SEP	3,188	11,694,330	1,241	6,424,396	1,974	8,394,160	6,403	26,512,886	6,575	26,867,426
AUG	3,361	11,798,990	1,315	6,599,026	2,070	8,500,124	6,746	26,898,140	6,969	27,474,082
JUL	3,042	10,825,610	1,084	5,675,134	1,956	8,129,647	6,082	24,630,391	6,258	25,021,717
JUN	2,862	10,389,927	1,033	5,845,113	1,857	7,334,034	5,752	23,569,074	5,923	23,916,189
MAY	2,642	10,390,291	936	5,489,191	1,723	7,582,796	5,301	23,462,278	5,485	23,927,721
APR	2,554	9,812,689	872	5,201,205	1,556	7,175,711	4,982	22,189,605	5,104	22,477,976
MAR	2,868	11,036,341	1,070	6,114,425	1,845	8,515,096	5,783	25,665,862	5,945	25,998,271
FEB	2,540	9,640,674	1,085	6,068,174	1,719	7,808,234	5,344	23,517,082	5,463	23,823,848
JAN	3,426	11,793,638	1,415	7,780,153	2,123	9,936,816	6,964	29,510,607	7,127	29,917,876
TOTAL 1982	38,341	146,506,919	18,571	104,412,308	25,496	121,155,499	82,408	372,074,726	84,620	377,339,578
TOTAL 1981	42,819	169,345,774	19,887	106,396,975	27,246	132,779,054	89,952	408,521,803	92,333	414,373,290

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TABLE II: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF EXPLORATORY WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 1985[1]

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1985	1,388	7,951,356	886	5,688,479	6,596	36,750,395	8,870	50,390,230
1985: NOV	9	40,003	5	19,434	101	686,884	115	746,321
OCT	88	493,218	24	123,748	390	2,110,845	502	2,727,811
SEP	91	472,032	48	298,131	551	2,939,549	690	3,709,712
AUG	145	829,009	72	408,820	684	3,587,669	901	4,825,498
JUL	124	689,202	76	437,236	666	3,500,610	866	4,627,048
JUN	104	558,493	95	672,139	617	3,146,026	816	4,376,658
MAY	151	869,948	116	715,504	634	3,559,174	901	5,144,626
APR	135	728,554	103	696,009	690	3,955,336	928	5,379,899
MAR	182	1,104,064	94	621,467	734	4,166,692	1,010	5,892,223
FEB	167	1,035,499	113	757,413	678	3,982,173	958	5,775,085
JAN	192	1,131,334	140	938,578	851	5,115,437	1,183	7,185,349
TOTAL 1984	2,265	12,400,345	1,539	9,650,382	10,773	57,536,413	14,597	79,587,140
1984: DEC	148	776,077	103	558,132	935	5,407,457	1,186	6,741,666
NOV	179	973,935	105	634,160	847	4,719,909	1,131	6,328,004
OCT	164	841,742	136	885,111	928	4,736,785	1,228	6,463,638
SEP	213	1,167,415	126	856,165	881	4,529,023	1,220	6,552,603
AUG	181	968,256	120	785,725	1,035	5,450,019	1,336	7,204,000
JUL	191	999,685	150	978,596	1,038	5,168,380	1,379	7,146,661
JUN	194	1,098,077	132	763,512	1,045	5,239,728	1,371	7,101,317
MAY	213	1,173,122	135	825,114	822	4,517,634	1,170	6,515,870
APR	152	893,125	99	677,072	744	4,029,913	995	5,600,110
MAR	213	1,187,696	150	1,017,770	728	4,118,661	1,091	6,324,127
FEB	204	1,144,595	150	881,778	790	4,409,971	1,144	6,436,344
JAN	233	1,176,620	133	787,247	980	5,208,933	1,346	7,172,800
TOTAL 1983	2,099	10,478,360	1,634	10,165,996	9,890	47,998,423	13,623	68,642,779
1983: DEC	152	750,556	125	758,539	812	4,228,101	1,089	5,737,196
NOV	170	836,899	111	686,553	924	4,467,397	1,205	5,990,849
OCT	203	1,066,423	136	815,371	916	4,436,586	1,255	6,318,380
SEP	174	860,222	131	774,003	886	4,023,214	1,191	5,657,439
AUG	183	785,072	135	780,256	872	3,832,356	1,190	5,397,684
JUL	179	821,521	130	725,264	827	3,665,723	1,136	5,212,508
JUN	165	797,001	130	841,296	828	3,539,990	1,123	5,178,287
MAY	159	925,095	150	984,934	771	3,791,936	1,080	5,701,965
APR	177	870,476	133	868,733	640	3,336,040	950	5,075,249
MAR	174	933,550	148	890,628	771	4,076,626	1,093	5,900,804
FEB	169	906,631	146	988,959	702	3,711,093	1,017	5,606,683
JAN	194	924,914	159	1,051,460	941	4,889,361	1,294	6,865,735
TOTAL 1982	2,458	13,394,260	2,149	14,649,135	11,149	60,081,942	15,756	88,125,337
TOTAL 1981	2,667	15,436,606	2,532	17,031,054	12,290	68,803,130	17,489	101,270,790

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TABLE III: TOTAL NUMBER OF WELLS AND FOOTAGE ADDITIONS[1] BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR REPORTED TO THE API DURING NOVEMBER 1985

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS AND DRY HOLES		TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[4] CURRENT MONTH	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1985	2,941	11,071,271	1,221	6,258,809	1,631	7,934,484	5,793	25,264,564	5,905	25,597,795
1985: NOV	205	1,033,552	57	302,694	206	1,269,043	468	2,605,289	475	2,617,307
OCT	969	4,156,051	350	1,937,184	566	2,621,008	1,885	8,714,243	1,906	8,792,701
SEP	637	2,273,967	253	1,297,384	305	1,563,103	1,195	5,134,454	1,217	5,204,387
AUG	324	1,275,112	135	694,977	195	907,750	654	2,877,839	666	2,906,747
JUL	207	663,344	82	395,953	116	497,401	405	1,556,698	423	1,624,652
JUN	127	454,987	65	328,235	81	407,909	273	1,191,131	273	1,191,131
MAY	93	271,305	50	278,363	49	211,378	192	761,066	196	770,354
APR	116	286,189	52	244,826	43	176,341	211	707,356	221	735,365
MAR	112	291,484	68	286,130	23	104,015	203	681,629	212	703,021
FEB	77	198,588	65	277,475	25	82,709	167	558,772	169	562,932
JAN	74	166,692	44	215,568	22	93,827	140	476,087	147	489,198
TOTAL 1984	573	712,285	151	655,006	130	496,301	654	1,863,592	693	1,929,960
1984: DEC	90	151,772	39	154,594	17	56,480	146	362,846	152	379,772
NOV	43	97,788	36	157,262	21	77,938	100	332,988	109	340,508
OCT	34	71,891	19	82,508	18	67,970	71	222,369	79	237,631
SEP	38	64,403	8	47,742	17	63,839	63	175,984	64	177,252
AUG	28	50,430	7	35,680	14	57,367	49	143,477	54	152,075
JUL	31	61,462	8	48,726	9	41,157	48	151,345	53	158,888
JUN	26	73,491	6	36,476	9	35,205	41	145,172	42	147,062
MAY	18	21,258	7	26,779	5	14,545	30	62,582	34	69,943
APR	14	31,165	2	7,298	9	30,229	25	68,692	25	68,692
MAR	21	42,465	5	18,133	4	18,105	30	78,703	30	78,703
FEB	23	38,690	10	27,563	3	6,152	36	72,405	36	72,405
JAN	7	7,470	4	12,245	4	27,314	15	47,029	15	47,029
TOTAL 1983	75	168,111	14	28,415	38	105,367	127	301,893	133	311,599
1983: DEC	14	24,127	2	3,930	7	20,189	23	48,246	24	50,186
NOV	7	19,011	2	6,126	2	9,530	11	34,667	13	36,493
OCT	15	36,189	3	4,858	6	9,349	24	50,396	24	50,396
SEP	3	8,991	1	1,200	1	2,262	5	12,453	5	12,453
AUG	4	21,296	1	3,146	3	12,372	8	36,814	9	40,379
JUL	5	10,975	1	1,950	2	7,372	8	20,297	8	20,297
JUN	6	11,314	0	0	2	3,408	8	14,722	8	14,722
MAY	7	11,677	1	1,005	3	10,281	11	22,963	12	24,333
APR	1	1,558	2	2,700	1	2,000	4	6,258	4	6,258
MAR	4	11,511	0	0	6	15,889	10	27,400	10	27,400
FEB	1	2,662	1	3,500	1	2,300	3	8,462	3	8,462
JAN	8	8,800	0	0	4	10,415	12	19,215	13	20,220
TOTAL 1982	52	94,213	7	20,568	18	53,877	77	168,658	78	172,569
YRS PRIOR TO 1982	60	81,774	15	48,500	29	63,259	104	193,533	104	193,533
TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[5]	3,501	12,127,654	1,408	7,011,298	1,846	8,653,288	6,755	27,792,240	6,913	28,205,456

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TABLE I AND TABLE II:

1. The cumulative number of wells reported in this table is the total number of wells included in the API database for each of the months and years shown, as of November 30, 1985. These data are preliminary and subject to further revisions.

2. Includes multiple completion wells which produce oil from at least one zone, but may produce gas from one or more zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well.

3. Includes multiple completion wells which produce gas from all zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well. Gas wells also include so-called condensate wells.

4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. (Not applicable to Table II.)

TABLES III:

1. Total number of wells received by the API during the report month and classified by completion month and year. These wells are included in Tables I and II.

2. See footnote (2) above.

3. See footnote (3) above.

4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells.

5. Total wells reported are those received by the API for the report period November 1, 1985 through November 30, 1985. The sub-totals shown for each yearly period may not add up to the total wells reported for the period. Some wells, received during the report period, may have been completed in years prior to those shown in Table III.

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REPORT ON WELL COMPLETIONS IN THE UNITED STATES[1]

Wells actually completed in the current month may not be reported until several months later. The chart shown below illustrates the cumulative number of well completions for the current month and each of the eleven prior months, as now reported to the API. For comparison purposes, a corresponding curve describes the data, as then reported to the API, for the same twelve-month period a year ago.

These data are preliminary and subject to revision. The number of wells shown in the chart excludes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. The geographic distribution for wells and footage is not published on a monthly basis, but is available from the API's "Quarterly Completion Report."

Cumulative Number of Wells Reported as Completed
For Each of the Past 12 Months

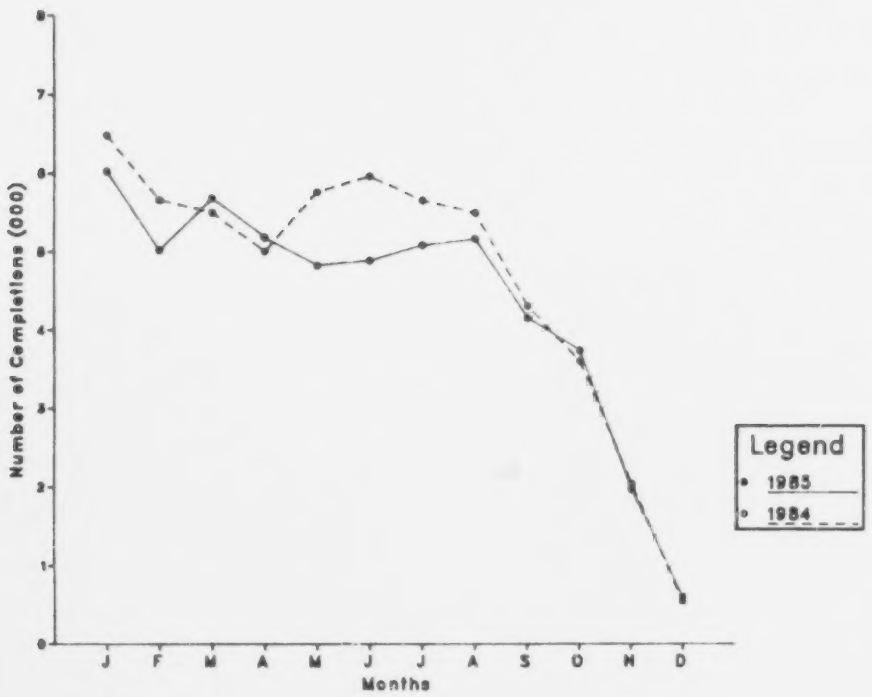

TABLE I: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF TOTAL WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1985[1]

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES		TOTAL ALL WELLS[4]	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1985	26,219	106,975,765	10,148	55,411,052	15,951	81,359,975	52,318	243,746,792	53,429	247,519,733
1985: DEC	236	1,053,928	65	318,099	305	1,953,647	606	3,325,674	614	3,357,381
NOV	996	3,962,350	283	1,545,534	690	3,573,820	1,969	9,081,704	1,985	9,129,838
OCT	1,898	7,863,453	665	3,550,232	1,176	6,017,222	3,739	17,430,907	3,790	17,600,213
SEP	2,078	8,289,298	774	4,262,310	1,301	6,560,612	4,153	19,112,220	4,218	19,294,588
AUG	2,637	10,389,735	939	4,968,168	1,584	7,670,846	5,160	23,028,749	5,222	23,209,249
JUL	2,537	9,815,034	1,008	5,399,361	1,536	7,350,207	5,081	22,564,602	5,189	22,886,553
JUN	2,458	9,758,345	989	5,158,706	1,438	6,923,342	4,885	21,840,393	4,997	22,263,762
MAY	2,459	10,476,340	892	4,946,984	1,471	7,542,696	4,822	22,966,020	4,961	23,487,374
APR	2,650	10,858,331	966	5,515,329	1,563	7,967,831	5,179	24,341,491	5,292	24,707,962
MAR	2,849	11,927,168	1,147	6,392,085	1,684	8,446,374	5,680	26,765,627	5,830	27,223,423
FEB	2,478	10,511,569	1,137	6,326,353	1,401	7,494,144	5,016	24,332,066	5,143	24,755,450
JAN	2,943	12,070,214	1,283	7,027,891	1,802	9,859,234	6,028	28,957,339	6,188	29,604,940
TOTAL 1984	40,379	155,416,834	15,902	85,008,073	23,913	114,859,019	80,194	355,283,926	82,193	360,669,907
1984: DEC	3,238	12,153,384	1,432	7,255,079	1,956	10,064,764	6,626	29,473,227	6,796	29,916,940
NOV	3,363	12,675,254	1,528	7,588,832	1,890	9,378,580	6,781	29,642,666	6,933	30,087,887
OCT	3,379	13,612,894	1,470	7,753,664	1,951	9,343,965	6,800	30,710,523	7,013	31,346,675
SEP	3,334	12,430,158	1,337	6,953,303	1,976	9,228,537	6,647	28,811,998	6,777	28,962,416
AUG	3,568	13,199,674	1,491	7,814,466	2,397	10,912,249	7,456	31,926,389	7,631	32,448,845
JUL	3,635	13,729,907	1,334	7,290,735	2,194	10,020,917	7,163	31,041,559	7,325	31,503,459
JUN	3,586	13,305,341	1,393	7,278,914	2,254	10,226,957	7,233	30,811,212	7,402	31,254,386
MAY	3,483	13,457,914	1,268	7,008,316	1,893	9,220,604	6,644	29,686,834	6,806	30,076,717
APR	3,052	11,544,981	947	5,633,555	1,662	8,238,600	5,661	25,417,136	5,850	25,857,790
MAR	3,236	13,052,845	1,099	6,613,772	1,740	8,740,939	6,075	28,407,556	6,248	28,834,144
FEB	3,177	12,655,156	1,261	6,673,555	1,761	8,760,902	6,199	28,089,613	6,348	28,506,335
JAN	3,328	13,599,326	1,342	7,143,882	2,239	10,722,005	6,909	31,465,213	7,064	31,874,313
TOTAL 1983	35,991	133,519,560	14,014	74,851,054	23,044	101,904,660	73,049	310,275,274	75,033	314,963,358
1983: DEC	2,980	11,327,856	1,308	6,616,692	1,923	9,208,184	6,211	27,152,712	6,355	27,515,366
NOV	3,223	12,337,760	1,255	6,151,324	2,115	9,737,619	6,593	28,226,703	6,770	28,665,240
OCT	3,271	12,426,341	1,391	6,874,086	2,163	9,543,363	6,825	28,843,790	6,995	29,258,902
SEP	3,193	11,701,740	1,244	6,436,488	1,975	8,395,090	6,412	26,533,318	6,584	26,887,858
AUG	3,365	11,804,970	1,316	6,600,293	2,076	8,506,452	6,757	26,911,715	6,981	27,490,257
JUL	3,045	10,829,793	1,084	5,675,134	1,958	8,132,677	6,087	24,637,604	6,263	25,028,930
JUN	2,864	10,396,443	1,035	5,840,156	1,858	7,334,994	5,757	23,571,593	5,928	23,918,708
MAY	2,644	10,392,880	938	5,491,096	1,728	7,594,098	5,310	23,478,074	5,494	23,943,517
APR	2,557	9,816,840	873	5,203,033	1,558	7,183,558	4,988	22,203,431	5,110	22,491,802
MAR	2,869	11,038,054	1,070	6,114,425	1,846	8,516,446	5,785	25,668,925	5,947	26,001,334
FEB	2,542	9,642,272	1,085	6,068,174	1,720	7,809,465	5,347	23,519,911	5,466	23,826,677
JAN	3,438	11,804,611	1,415	7,780,153	2,124	9,942,734	6,977	29,527,498	7,140	29,934,767
TOTAL 1982	38,386	146,558,852	18,587	104,482,253	25,542	121,243,746	82,515	372,284,851	84,727	377,549,703
TOTAL 1981	42,831	169,372,259	19,893	106,411,185	27,259	132,810,537	89,983	408,593,981	92,364	414,445,468

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TABLE II: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF EXPLORATORY WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1985[1]

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1985	1,542	8,764,035	968	6,125,541	7,353	40,854,461	9,863	55,744,037
1985: DEC	13	55,028	1	1,607	144	891,431	158	948,066
NOV	43	220,109	24	142,754	330	1,806,523	397	2,169,386
OCT	118	641,372	34	167,557	555	3,031,891	707	3,840,820
SEP	113	600,699	59	354,497	623	3,313,368	795	4,268,564
AUG	159	909,945	78	436,414	742	3,910,999	979	5,257,358
JUL	134	755,309	81	453,609	692	3,622,265	907	4,831,183
JUN	111	598,011	102	708,524	641	3,268,987	854	4,575,522
MAY	157	900,892	122	758,101	648	3,636,849	927	5,295,842
APR	138	750,623	107	720,204	695	3,982,543	940	5,453,370
MAR	191	1,135,150	99	634,246	742	4,208,539	1,032	5,977,935
FEB	170	1,050,816	117	787,279	685	4,043,227	972	5,881,322
JAN	195	1,148,081	144	960,749	856	5,137,839	1,195	7,244,669
TOTAL 1984	2,299	12,467,061	1,554	9,720,986	10,814	57,693,483	14,667	79,881,530
1984: DEC	156	805,256	105	584,597	946	5,460,467	1,207	6,830,320
NOV	182	995,717	106	637,105	853	4,728,417	1,141	6,361,239
OCT	165	850,752	137	888,936	933	4,765,759	1,235	6,505,447
SEP	213	1,167,415	129	873,270	886	4,545,394	1,228	6,586,079
AUG	181	968,256	122	796,293	1,037	5,461,963	1,340	7,226,512
JUL	191	999,685	151	983,146	1,043	5,183,146	1,385	7,165,977
JUN	195	1,104,228	133	767,186	1,046	5,247,521	1,374	7,118,935
MAY	213	1,173,122	137	836,774	822	4,517,634	1,172	6,527,530
APR	153	893,719	99	677,072	745	4,036,305	997	5,607,096
MAR	213	1,187,696	151	1,018,289	730	4,121,411	1,094	6,327,396
FEB	204	1,144,595	151	891,071	791	4,411,471	1,146	6,447,137
JAN	233	1,176,620	133	787,247	982	5,213,995	1,348	7,177,862
TOTAL 1983	2,100	10,486,760	1,635	10,169,006	9,900	48,031,530	13,635	68,687,296
1983: DEC	153	758,956	125	758,539	816	4,248,493	1,094	5,765,988
NOV	170	836,899	111	686,553	924	4,467,397	1,205	5,990,849
OCT	203	1,066,423	137	818,381	917	4,437,286	1,257	6,322,090
SEP	174	860,222	131	774,003	886	4,023,214	1,191	5,657,439
AUG	183	785,072	135	780,256	874	3,834,733	1,192	5,400,061
JUL	179	821,521	130	725,264	828	3,667,873	1,137	5,214,658
JUN	165	797,001	130	841,296	828	3,539,990	1,123	5,178,287
MAY	159	925,095	150	984,934	772	3,793,506	1,081	5,703,535
APR	177	870,476	133	868,733	640	3,336,040	950	5,075,249
MAR	174	933,550	148	890,628	771	4,076,626	1,093	5,900,804
FEB	169	906,631	146	988,959	702	3,711,093	1,017	5,606,683
JAN	194	924,914	159	1,051,460	942	4,895,279	1,295	6,871,653
TOTAL 1982	2,457	13,392,829	2,149	14,649,135	11,160	60,104,312	15,766	88,146,276
TOTAL 1981	2,667	15,436,606	2,532	17,031,054	12,292	68,809,299	17,491	101,276,959

See footnotes on page 5.

TABLE III: TOTAL NUMBER OF WELLS AND FOOTAGE ADDITIONS[1] BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR REPORTED TO THE API DURING DECEMBER 1985

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS AND DRY HOLES		TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[4] CURRENT MONTH	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1985	2,655	9,248,083	1,312	6,331,095	1,557	8,122,559	5,524	23,701,737	5,606	23,956,204
1985: DEC	236	1,053,928	65	318,099	305	1,953,647	606	3,325,674	614	3,357,381
NOV	789	2,919,072	223	1,234,359	473	2,237,146	1,485	6,390,577	1,494	6,425,693
OCT	675	2,386,383	247	1,252,663	310	1,661,733	1,232	5,300,779	1,257	5,381,553
SEP	242	886,435	179	890,101	158	693,241	579	2,469,777	593	2,508,909
AUG	190	528,183	143	667,460	109	573,396	442	1,769,039	450	1,792,496
JUL	160	440,568	117	525,834	59	263,058	336	1,229,460	338	1,231,819
JUN	102	267,336	108	473,217	46	200,054	256	940,607	257	943,862
MAY	72	238,555	42	205,788	27	127,728	141	572,071	143	576,824
APR	46	152,413	55	248,254	16	86,427	117	487,094	121	498,108
MAR	46	136,018	56	213,097	21	110,670	123	459,785	123	459,785
FEB	48	108,734	47	197,623	18	111,488	113	417,845	114	420,658
JAN	49	130,458	30	104,600	15	103,971	94	339,029	102	359,118
TOTAL 1984	275	620,362	264	976,687	131	456,631	670	2,053,680	724	2,111,495
1984: DEC	50	166,134	62	219,390	18	81,391	130	466,915	166	469,368
NOV	28	58,634	58	176,533	19	41,427	105	276,594	108	284,236
OCT	24	64,837	30	108,191	16	63,464	70	236,492	78	250,282
SEP	26	64,427	29	96,647	10	29,713	65	190,787	67	192,421
AUG	26	42,613	18	73,259	9	39,904	53	155,776	55	162,422
JUL	12	26,296	16	58,692	9	36,165	37	121,153	38	123,378
JUN	19	54,615	13	56,268	11	33,860	43	144,743	44	148,008
MAY	29	41,887	6	33,632	7	23,450	42	98,969	42	98,969
APR	18	29,451	10	59,575	7	24,885	35	113,911	35	113,911
MAR	13	28,123	12	58,035	9	29,064	34	115,222	34	115,222
FEB	19	28,926	6	27,668	10	25,771	35	82,365	36	82,523
JAN	11	14,419	4	8,797	6	27,537	21	50,753	21	50,753
TOTAL 1983	58	86,244	26	83,379	35	81,145	117	250,768	118	253,368
1983: DEC	10	21,999	9	[illegible],982	9	30,394	28	87,375	28	87,375
NOV	6	12,511	3	12,153	2	2,483	11	27,147	11	27,147
OCT	6	6,621	4	16,574	4	9,372	14	32,567	14	32,567
SEP	5	7,410	3	12,092	1	930	9	20,432	9	20,432
AUG	4	5,980	1	1,267	6	6,328	11	13,575	12	16,175
JUL	3	4,183	0	0	2	3,030	5	7,213	5	7,213
JUN	2	6,516	3	2,578	1	960	6	10,054	6	10,054
MAY	2	2,589	2	1,905	5	11,302	9	15,796	9	15,796
APR	3	4,151	1	1,828	2	7,847	6	13,826	6	13,826
MAR	1	1,713	0	0	1	1,350	2	3,063	2	3,063
FEB	2	1,598	0	0	1	1,231	3	2,829	3	2,829
JAN	12	10,973	0	0	1	5,918	13	16,891	13	16,891
TOTAL 1982	45	51,933	16	69,945	45	82,247	106	204,125	106	204,125
YRS PRIOR TO 1982	30	57,906	12	37,880	18	47,762	60	143,548	60	143,548
TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[5]	3,061	10,064,528	1,630	7,498,986	1,786	8,790,344	6,477	26,353,858	6,614	26,668,740

See footnotes on page 5.

TABLE I AND TABLE II:

1. The cumulative number of wells reported in this table is the total number of wells included in the API database for each of the months and years shown, as of December 31, 1985. These data are preliminary and subject to further revisions.

2. Includes multiple completion wells which produce oil from at least one zone, but may produce gas from one or more zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well.

3. Includes multiple completion wells which produce gas from all zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well. Gas wells also include so-called condensate wells.

4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. (Not applicable to Table II.)

TABLES III:

1. Total number of wells received by the API during the report month and classified by completion month and year. These wells are included in Tables I and II.

2. See footnote (2) above.

3. See footnote (3) above.

4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells.

5. Total wells reported are those received by the API for the report period December 1, 1985 through December 31, 1985. The sub-totals shown for each yearly period may not add up to the total wells reported for the period. Some wells, received during the report period, may have been completed in years prior to those shown in Table III.

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The API has changed its basic source of information for well completions. Beginning with this issue of the "Monthly Completion Report" (January 1986), the well completion data is being furnished to the API by Petroleum Information, Corporation (PI). Because of this change, the API expects that there will be some discontinuity in the data series during the transition period between the two sources.

The API will continue to present well and footage information on a report month basis (Table III), showing the completion month and year distribution. This table will continue to reflect new well additions to the API database.

However, the PI information provided to the API also includes information for wells reported in previous report periods but which are not yet included in the API database. These wells will be added to the API database as they are received and will be included in the appropriate completion month and year in Tables I and II. But these wells will not be counted as new wells reported in the current report month in Table III.

Therefore, during this transition period, it will not be possible to reconcile monthly additions (Table III) with the current status of the API database (Tables I and II). However, it is expected that this transition period should be of short duration.

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REPORT ON WELL COMPLETIONS IN THE UNITED STATES[1]

Wells actually completed in the current month may not be reported until several months later. The chart shown below illustrates the cumulative number of well completions for the current month and each of the eleven prior months, as now reported to the API. For comparison purposes, a corresponding curve describes the data, as then reported to the API, for the same twelve-month period a year ago.

These data are preliminary and subject to revision. The number of wells shown in the chart excludes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. The geographic distribution for wells and footage is not published on a monthly basis, but is available from the API's "Quarterly Completion Report."

Cumulative Number of Wells Reported as Completed
For Each of the Past 12 Months

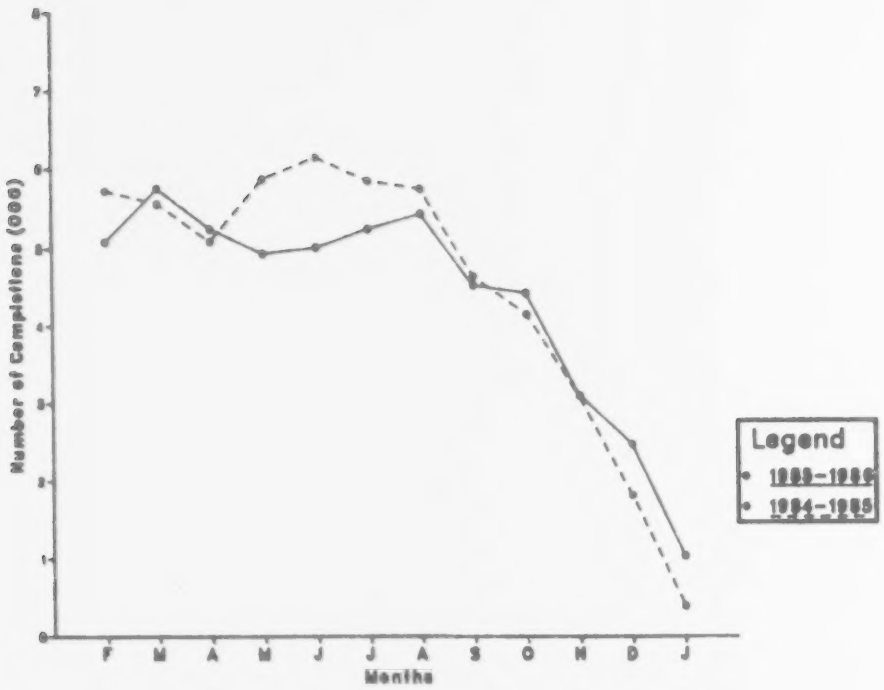

TABLE I: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF TOTAL WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF JANUARY 31, 1986[1]

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES		TOTAL ALL WELLS[4]	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1986	442	1,523,985	94	622,678	502	2,703,080	1,038	4,849,743	1,045	4,863,666
1986: JAN	442	1,523,985	94	622,678	502	2,703,080	1,038	4,849,743	1,045	4,863,666
TOTAL 1985	28,594	115,799,595	11,177	60,685,176	17,590	88,995,559	57,361	265,480,330	58,580	269,540,574
1985: DEC	1,212	4,768,630	319	1,762,682	941	5,109,898	2,472	11,641,210	2,499	11,724,929
NOV	1,545	6,068,428	506	2,756,487	1,040	5,287,893	3,091	14,114,808	3,129	14,252,959
OCT	2,180	8,954,064	872	4,473,792	1,375	6,893,089	4,427	20,320,945	4,455	20,516,188
SEP	2,234	8,857,863	866	4,635,883	1,430	7,139,965	4,530	20,633,711	4,602	20,826,759
AUG	2,760	10,786,621	1,003	5,298,421	1,679	8,071,609	5,442	24,156,651	5,519	24,380,573
JUL	2,616	10,051,422	1,050	5,618,848	1,584	7,540,621	5,250	23,210,891	5,362	23,545,916
JUN	2,516	9,983,196	1,020	5,355,964	1,482	7,095,032	5,018	22,434,192	5,137	22,871,256
MAY	2,505	10,619,877	917	5,081,252	1,516	7,719,146	4,938	23,420,275	5,081	23,945,572
APR	2,679	10,957,834	990	5,632,054	1,582	8,043,170	5,251	24,633,058	5,374	25,008,421
MAR	2,875	12,013,248	1,168	6,497,158	1,704	8,524,312	5,750	27,034,718	5,902	27,494,917
FEB	2,499	10,586,118	1,169	6,487,413	1,417	7,557,965	5,085	24,631,496	5,213	25,084,145
JAN	2,970	12,152,294	1,297	7,083,222	1,840	10,012,859	6,107	29,248,375	6,274	29,808,938
TOTAL 1984	40,583	155,961,557	16,012	85,540,879	24,105	115,470,842	80,700	356,973,278	82,743	362,425,048
1984: DEC	3,262	12,216,649	1,449	7,343,419	1,986	10,202,807	6,697	29,762,875	6,874	30,220,937
NOV	3,379	12,721,876	1,557	7,669,451	1,919	9,483,607	6,855	29,874,934	7,014	30,326,525
OCT	3,411	13,670,527	1,482	7,818,314	1,979	9,426,353	6,872	30,915,194	7,088	31,553,467
SEP	3,360	12,470,122	1,340	6,986,746	1,998	9,303,967	6,698	28,760,835	6,831	29,114,927
AUG	3,584	13,266,616	1,503	7,886,853	2,414	10,947,533	7,501	32,101,002	7,681	32,639,918
JUL	3,654	13,782,628	1,344	7,360,190	2,214	10,081,179	7,212	31,223,997	7,380	31,692,869
JUN	3,612	13,380,056	1,398	7,295,527	2,265	10,256,405	7,275	30,931,988	7,453	31,383,481
MAY	3,490	13,470,132	1,270	7,018,719	1,900	9,232,790	6,660	29,721,641	6,823	30,112,289
APR	3,060	11,570,246	955	5,677,001	1,665	8,254,653	5,680	25,501,900	5,869	25,942,554
MAR	3,246	13,075,468	1,100	6,615,253	1,748	8,759,761	6,094	28,450,482	6,267	28,877,070
FEB	3,188	12,699,801	1,268	6,694,641	1,771	8,782,235	6,227	28,176,677	6,376	28,593,399
JAN	3,537	13,637,436	1,346	7,174,765	2,246	10,739,552	6,929	31,551,753	7,087	31,967,612
TOTAL 1983	36,033	133,643,662	14,031	74,919,443	23,107	102,065,987	73,171	310,629,092	75,158	315,323,564
TOTAL 1982	38,408	146,627,146	18,599	104,531,274	25,575	121,343,631	82,582	372,502,051	84,795	377,767,936

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SOURCE: PETROLEUM INFORMATION CORPORATION.

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TABLE II: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF EXPLORATORY WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF JANUARY 31, 1986[1]

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1986	15	56,551	7	58,267	212	1,290,219	234	1,405,037
1986: JAN	15	56,551	7	58,267	212	1,290,219	234	1,405,037
TOTAL 1985	1,500	8,710,221	991	6,411,656	7,701	43,092,527	10,192	58,214,404
1985: DEC	61	383,867	21	96,680	457	2,641,493	539	3,102,040
NOV	62	327,961	41	300,202	478	2,653,711	581	3,281,874
OCT	116	644,917	46	237,785	617	3,366,960	779	4,249,662
SEP	104	554,861	59	360,299	642	3,424,247	805	4,339,107
AUG	154	901,256	78	478,471	722	3,822,710	954	5,202,437
JUL	125	722,935	71	409,355	678	3,592,793	874	4,725,083
JUN	107	585,144	103	734,728	621	3,196,924	831	4,516,796
MAY	144	848,388	117	741,443	632	3,572,833	893	5,162,664
APR	123	674,073	105	715,193	663	3,852,653	891	5,241,919
MAR	172	1,048,315	100	843,522	711	4,056,478	983	5,748,315
FEB	159	993,868	115	794,561	660	3,958,893	934	5,727,322
JAN	173	1,044,936	135	899,417	820	4,972,832	1,128	6,917,185
TOTAL 1984	2,270	12,339,871	1,552	9,890,740	10,737	57,301,138	14,559	79,331,749
1984: DEC	148	766,182	103	548,602	909	5,311,940	1,160	6,626,724
NOV	175	970,726	108	633,883	829	4,622,783	1,112	6,226,862
OCT	157	821,057	139	890,422	926	4,730,032	1,222	6,441,511
SEP	212	1,159,753	129	879,726	878	4,514,610	1,219	6,554,089
AUG	182	979,799	123	798,299	1,035	5,428,733	1,340	7,206,831
JUL	187	979,987	149	981,766	1,045	5,182,353	1,381	7,144,106
JUN	196	1,103,842	133	767,186	1,043	5,243,293	1,372	7,114,321
MAY	210	1,149,835	133	806,908	821	4,506,378	1,164	6,463,121
APR	154	898,020	98	670,066	742	4,022,715	994	5,590,801
MAR	213	1,187,696	151	1,018,389	733	4,127,690	1,097	6,333,675
FEB	205	1,140,932	152	897,159	792	4,396,372	1,147	6,433,463
JAN	233	1,182,042	134	798,934	984	5,215,269	1,351	7,196,245
TOTAL 1983	2,103	10,507,172	1,633	10,163,888	9,913	48,037,391	13,649	68,708,151
TOTAL 1982	2,456	13,387,224	2,151	14,661,745	11,171	60,157,359	15,778	88,206,328

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TABLE III: TOTAL NUMBER OF WELLS AND FOOTAGE ADDITIONS[1] BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR REPORTED TO THE API DURING JANUARY 1986

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS AND DRY HOLES		TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[4] CURRENT MONTH	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1986	442	1,523,985	94	622,678	502	2,703,080	1,038	4,849,743	1,045	4,863,666
1986: JAN	442	1,523,985	94	622,678	502	2,703,080	1,038	4,849,743	1,045	4,863,666
TOTAL 1985	2,188	7,911,326	930	4,629,481	1,399	6,391,727	4,517	18,932,534	4,621	19,207,635
1985: DEC	963	3,637,270	235	1,323,562	584	2,941,544	1,782	7,902,376	1,801	7,954,388
NOV	518	1,925,857	209	1,130,286	284	1,318,962	1,011	4,375,105	1,032	4,463,177
OCT	245	882,779	199	876,303	164	688,449	608	2,447,531	618	2,473,468
SEP	128	402,853	77	323,936	94	375,345	299	1,102,134	306	1,112,814
AUG	103	312,922	50	216,076	73	295,243	226	824,241	239	867,466
JUL	62	178,064	35	174,393	37	151,687	134	504,144	138	517,218
JUN	46	170,354	23	130,231	38	128,152	107	428,737	114	442,432
MAY	41	128,172	21	105,691	36	124,955	98	358,818	102	362,761
APR	20	64,201	20	89,270	14	70,454	54	223,925	64	232,817
MAR	18	61,419	17	79,659	19	71,823	54	212,901	56	215,304
FEB	18	68,485	31	138,918	18	82,902	67	290,305	68	299,570
JAN	26	78,950	13	41,155	38	142,211	77	262,317	83	266,220
TOTAL 1984	188	481,478	98	426,591	161	482,148	447	1,390,217	489	1,446,588
1984: DEC	24	66,584	14	66,585	22	100,265	60	233,434	66	238,548
NOV	17	48,051	28	68,578	24	87,730	69	204,359	75	210,546
OCT	31	46,248	9	51,514	22	73,878	62	171,638	65	173,759
SEP	24	38,447	2	16,498	16	43,079	42	98,024	45	101,698
AUG	12	48,298	11	55,103	16	33,464	39	136,865	44	153,325
JUL	19	52,621	10	69,455	19	50,710	48	172,786	54	179,758
JUN	22	60,429	5	16,613	13	31,519	40	108,561	49	116,880
MAY	6	11,488	1	2,673	6	11,253	13	25,414	14	26,179
APR	6	18,789	6	29,775	3	16,053	15	64,617	15	64,617
MAR	10	22,622	1	1,481	7	17,372	18	41,475	18	41,475
FEB	9	40,015	6	20,041	8	7,170	23	67,226	23	67,226
JAN	8	27,888	5	28,275	5	9,655	18	65,818	21	72,577
TOTAL 1983	38	110,865	17	66,635	59	139,023	114	316,523	117	322,923
YRS PRIOR TO 1983	41	149,029	47	182,685	59	171,853	147	503,767	152	517,679
TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[5]	2,897	10,176,683	1,186	5,928,270	2,180	9,887,831	6,263	25,992,784	6,424	26,358,491

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REPORT ON WELL COMPLETIONS IN THE UNITED STATES[1]

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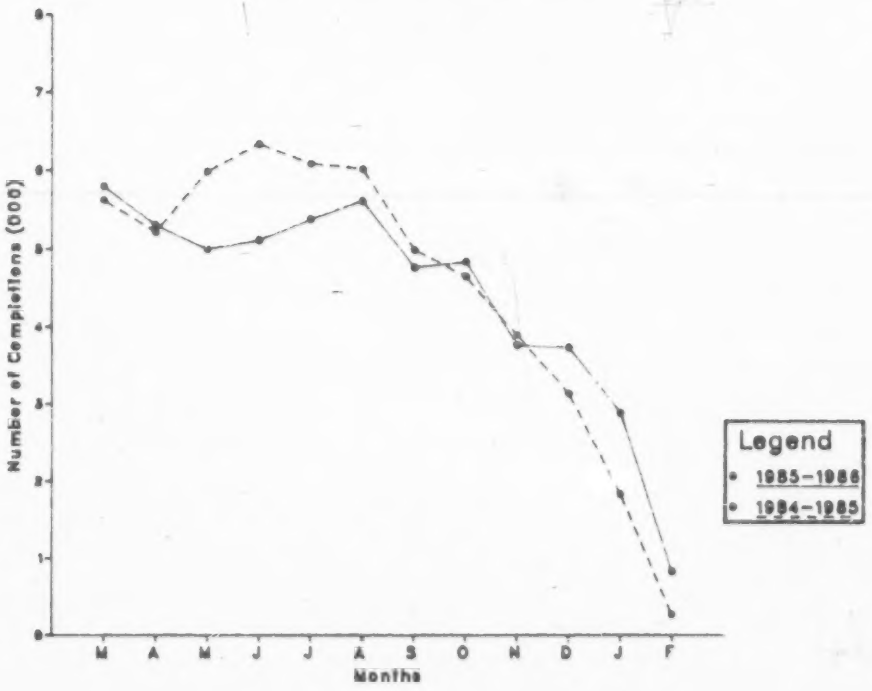

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	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES		TOTAL ALL WELLS[4]	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1986	1,834	6,549,159	375	2,209,670	1,500	8,406,403	3,709	17,165,232	3,729	17,211,165
1986: FEB	369	1,283,726	47	271,119	406	2,410,902	822	3,965,747	825	3,969,290
JAN	1,465	5,265,433	328	1,938,551	1,094	5,995,501	2,887	13,199,485	2,904	13,241,875
TOTAL 1985	30,076	122,548,725	11,880	64,458,313	18,593	94,002,751	60,549	281,009,789	61,801	285,209,502
1985: DEC	1,863	7,670,199	512	2,835,513	1,361	7,287,695	3,736	17,793,407	3,771	17,917,263
NOV	1,889	7,774,419	637	3,511,306	1,238	6,288,962	3,764	17,574,687	3,809	17,740,040
OCT	2,364	9,824,127	989	5,020,218	1,485	7,371,172	4,838	22,215,517	4,902	22,419,756
SEP	2,315	9,205,848	943	4,983,795	1,506	7,512,302	4,764	21,701,945	4,840	21,910,873
AUG	2,821	11,057,208	1,067	5,663,437	1,723	8,282,005	5,611	25,002,650	5,693	25,250,651
JUL	2,667	10,238,004	1,082	5,804,408	1,630	7,798,428	5,379	23,840,840	5,497	24,204,993
JUN	2,553	10,142,739	1,041	5,454,372	1,515	7,266,373	5,109	22,863,484	5,223	23,277,796
MAY	2,527	10,714,340	930	5,139,734	1,534	7,797,281	4,991	23,651,355	5,136	24,181,877
APR	2,688	10,996,520	1,015	5,767,144	1,596	8,101,452	5,299	24,865,116	5,423	25,245,435
MAR	2,898	12,089,660	1,176	6,545,936	1,717	8,594,878	5,791	27,230,474	5,945	27,700,563
FEB	2,508	10,638,919	1,182	6,566,810	1,426	7,608,072	5,116	24,813,801	5,243	25,242,136
JAN	2,983	12,196,742	1,306	7,165,640	1,862	10,094,131	6,151	29,456,513	6,319	30,118,119
TOTAL 1984	40,707	156,326,169	16,062	85,795,281	24,218	115,807,826	80,987	357,929,276	83,060	363,431,435
1984: DEC	3,273	12,258,343	1,454	7,364,447	2,003	10,276,296	6,730	29,899,086	6,907	30,357,398
NOV	3,389	12,759,581	1,562	7,701,532	1,934	9,535,344	6,885	29,996,457	7,047	30,458,758
OCT	3,431	13,699,106	1,493	7,873,132	1,991	9,471,030	6,915	31,043,268	7,139	31,691,069
SEP	3,368	12,493,766	1,344	6,992,890	2,000	9,308,683	6,712	28,795,339	6,848	29,160,032
AUG	3,606	13,323,312	1,506	7,894,696	2,430	10,988,517	7,542	32,206,525	7,728	32,756,677
JUL	3,662	13,810,437	1,350	7,379,500	2,224	10,095,440	7,236	31,285,377	7,413	31,761,479
JUN	3,620	13,400,518	1,401	7,318,597	2,270	10,268,592	7,291	30,987,707	7,469	31,439,200
MAY	3,494	13,481,920	1,276	7,044,366	1,907	9,245,699	6,677	29,771,985	6,840	30,162,633
APR	3,066	11,593,395	954	5,669,661	1,671	8,269,892	5,691	25,532,948	5,880	25,973,602
MAR	3,256	13,112,355	1,102	6,633,853	1,751	8,773,755	6,109	28,519,963	6,282	28,946,551
FEB	3,198	12,750,054	1,270	6,701,353	1,775	8,793,140	6,243	28,244,547	6,392	28,661,269
JAN	3,344	13,643,382	1,350	7,221,254	2,262	10,781,438	6,956	31,646,074	7,115	32,062,767
TOTAL 1983	36,069	133,802,990	14,058	75,002,231	23,171	102,217,569	73,298	311,022,790	75,288	315,723,947
TOTAL 1982	38,426	146,671,221	18,609	104,579,743	25,609	121,430,603	82,644	372,681,567	84,859	377,949,163

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TABLE II: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF EXPLORATORY WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 1986[1]

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1986	107	606,034	31	163,766	698	4,445,444	836	5,215,244
1986: FEB	16	85,629	7	29,900	196	1,357,586	219	1,473,115
JAN	91	520,405	24	133,866	502	3,087,858	617	3,742,129
TOTAL 1985	1,617	9,459,783	1,091	7,200,435	8,253	46,215,831	10,961	62,876,049
1985: DEC	111	687,395	40	256,395	686	4,002,523	837	4,946,313
NOV	85	497,342	59	423,812	577	3,218,841	721	4,139,995
OCT	128	705,408	66	340,671	673	3,644,179	867	4,690,258
SEP	107	579,989	64	413,118	682	3,634,599	853	4,627,706
AUG	162	954,595	84	547,645	751	3,999,475	997	5,501,715
JUL	131	760,300	77	484,262	701	3,719,948	909	4,964,510
JUN	112	597,403	109	783,430	635	3,276,638	856	4,657,471
MAY	146	860,777	121	767,181	645	3,636,331	912	5,264,289
APR	125	687,562	110	752,811	677	3,922,752	912	5,363,125
MAR	174	1,059,385	104	670,764	720	4,109,134	998	5,839,283
FEB	162	1,019,788	118	817,619	668	4,001,425	948	5,838,832
JAN	174	1,049,839	139	942,727	838	5,049,986	1,151	7,042,552
TOTAL 1984	2,277	12,383,587	1,559	9,749,149	10,801	57,572,091	14,637	79,704,827
1984: DEC	148	766,282	105	564,802	921	5,376,641	1,174	6,707,725
NOV	176	980,726	108	633,383	837	4,675,602	1,121	6,289,711
OCT	157	821,057	140	896,522	935	4,775,695	1,232	6,493,274
SEP	213	1,161,255	128	867,610	879	4,520,640	1,220	6,549,505
AUG	184	988,748	124	802,409	1,045	5,465,278	1,353	7,256,435
JUL	188	986,135	149	981,766	1,045	5,182,353	1,382	7,150,254
JUN	196	1,103,842	133	767,186	1,047	5,258,053	1,376	7,129,081
MAY	211	1,160,735	135	828,817	826	4,519,138	1,172	6,508,690
APR	154	898,020	99	677,072	744	4,023,710	997	5,598,802
MAR	214	1,193,813	152	1,033,489	733	4,127,690	1,099	6,354,992
FEB	203	1,140,932	152	897,159	795	4,409,117	1,150	6,447,208
JAN	233	1,182,042	134	798,934	994	5,238,174	1,361	7,219,150
TOTAL 1983	2,105	10,522,578	1,637	10,166,617	9,951	48,133,699	13,693	68,822,894
TOTAL 1982	2,457	13,392,338	2,152	14,667,710	11,188	60,181,761	15,797	88,241,809

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TABLE III: TOTAL NUMBER OF WELLS AND FOOTAGE ADDITIONS[1] BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR REPORTED TO THE API DURING FEBRUARY 1986

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS AND DRY HOLES		TOTAL WELLS REPORTED CURRENT MONTH[4]	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1986	1,415	5,059,618	283	1,612,716	1,008	5,699,037	2,706	12,371,371	2,719	12,403,381
1986: FEB	369	1,283,726	47	271,119	406	2,410,902	822	3,965,747	825	3,969,290
JAN	1,046	3,775,892	236	1,341,597	602	3,288,135	1,884	8,405,624	1,894	8,434,091
TOTAL 1985	1,319	5,997,180	656	3,430,453	708	3,410,188	2,683	12,837,821	2,717	12,980,274
1985: DEC	611	2,763,232	198	1,132,860	342	1,750,961	1,151	5,647,053	1,159	5,687,190
NOV	300	1,484,310	122	664,412	123	615,359	545	2,764,081	552	2,791,283
OCT	155	735,413	103	470,206	58	195,254	316	1,400,873	319	1,409,869
SEP	70	301,740	74	324,192	52	266,343	196	892,275	200	908,155
AUG	51	208,249	58	331,977	27	120,017	136	660,243	140	677,687
JUL	42	136,155	30	156,589	29	143,294	101	436,038	104	451,444
JUN	31	126,016	20	80,335	24	111,145	75	317,496	76	323,136
MAY	16	70,600	9	32,164	12	43,595	37	146,359	38	146,809
APR	9	43,894	18	92,874	13	48,744	40	185,512	40	185,512
MAR	17	67,972	7	38,603	10	43,900	34	150,475	34	150,475
FEB	6	33,658	10	50,447	9	46,443	25	130,548	26	135,854
JAN	11	25,941	7	55,794	9	25,133	27	106,868	29	112,860
TOTAL 1984	107	308,406	45	200,320	92	224,465	244	733,191	270	772,461
1984: DEC	9	35,924	4	18,695	11	41,245	24	95,864	24	95,864
NOV	8	32,784	4	26,171	14	37,556	26	96,511	27	97,851
OCT	15	28,409	10	38,539	7	8,954	32	75,902	38	83,931
SEP	8	21,355	4	10,920	2	4,716	14	36,991	17	47,592
AUG	15	35,593	3	7,843	13	34,245	31	77,681	37	88,917
JUL	12	35,286	6	19,310	9	13,715	27	68,311	36	75,541
JUN	8	21,027	3	23,070	5	12,187	16	56,284	16	56,284
MAY	4	11,788	6	25,647	6	7,623	16	45,058	16	45,058
APR	6	23,149	0	0	5	13,634	11	36,783	11	36,783
MAR	7	22,649	1	3,400	3	13,994	11	40,043	11	40,043
FEB	7	28,411	2	6,712	3	6,075	12	41,198	12	41,198
JAN	8	12,031	2	20,013	14	30,521	24	62,565	25	63,399
TOTAL 1983	24	104,956	24	75,730	53	117,609	101	298,295	103	304,960
YRS PRIOR TO 1983	11	26,038	7	28,512	26	37,795	44	92,345	45	94,019
TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[5]	2,876	11,496,198	1,015	5,347,731	1,887	9,489,094	5,778	26,333,023	5,854	26,555,095

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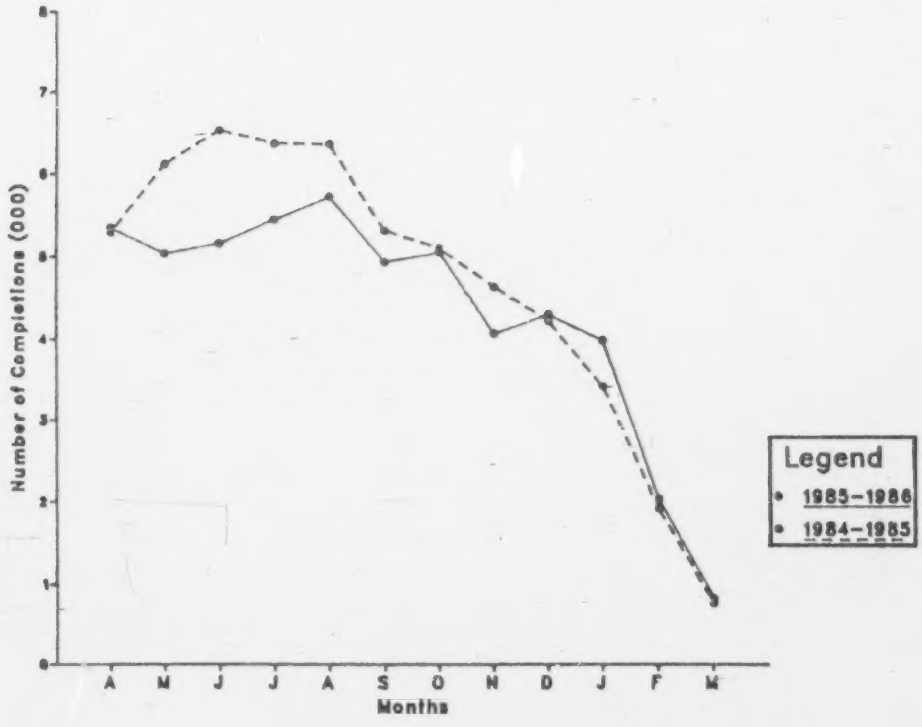

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	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES		TOTAL ALL WELLS[4]	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1986	3,585	14,280,271	777	4,563,299	2,467	13,615,915	6,829	32,459,485	6,897	32,663,001
1986: MAR	335	1,247,043	63	358,495	427	2,281,836	825	3,887,374	831	3,893,956
FEB	1,119	4,698,451	200	1,245,265	708	4,130,959	2,027	10,072,675	2,043	10,117,935
JAN	2,131	8,336,777	514	2,959,539	1,332	7,203,120	3,977	18,499,436	4,023	18,651,110
TOTAL 1985	30,799	125,515,575	12,381	67,184,733	19,011	95,879,593	62,191	288,579,901	63,497	292,963,125
1985: DEC	2,147	9,042,739	651	3,641,822	1,497	7,890,387	4,295	20,574,948	4,345	20,757,662
NOV	2,026	8,384,127	722	3,965,445	1,318	6,687,554	4,066	19,037,126	4,123	19,251,310
OCT	2,450	10,155,578	1,066	5,410,778	1,530	7,574,367	5,046	23,140,723	5,121	23,393,833
SEP	2,382	9,435,558	1,004	5,272,162	1,542	7,688,860	4,928	22,396,580	5,006	22,612,688
AUG	2,856	11,187,211	1,117	5,956,973	1,751	8,425,869	5,724	25,570,053	5,806	25,818,054
JUL	2,684	10,298,336	1,113	5,976,081	1,649	7,870,140	5,446	24,144,557	5,569	24,517,485
JUN	2,575	10,217,459	1,052	5,528,492	1,530	7,346,688	5,157	23,092,639	5,272	23,507,536
MAY	2,543	10,757,017	944	5,232,725	1,547	7,833,991	5,034	23,823,733	5,179	24,354,255
APR	2,709	11,034,346	1,021	5,809,092	1,612	8,160,420	5,342	25,003,858	5,469	25,386,637
MAR	2,914	12,134,113	1,187	6,590,275	1,728	8,644,883	5,829	27,369,271	5,987	27,846,061
FEB	2,520	10,658,377	1,195	6,621,042	1,440	7,647,664	5,155	24,927,083	5,283	25,356,668
JAN	2,993	12,210,714	1,309	7,179,846	1,867	10,108,770	6,169	29,499,330	6,337	30,160,936
TOTAL 1984	40,835	156,667,306	16,134	86,164,460	24,278	115,957,809	81,247	358,789,575	83,334	364,331,697
1984: DEC	3,282	12,291,020	1,462	7,415,272	2,015	10,305,010	6,759	30,011,302	6,937	30,469,652
NOV	3,400	12,783,538	1,574	7,760,920	1,937	9,551,714	6,911	30,096,172	7,075	30,560,273
OCT	3,448	13,734,623	1,502	7,910,299	1,998	9,480,567	6,948	31,125,489	7,173	31,775,907
SEP	3,387	12,536,567	1,349	7,025,821	2,003	9,312,919	6,739	28,875,307	6,875	29,240,000
AUG	3,617	13,355,446	1,517	7,948,002	2,437	11,004,059	7,571	32,307,507	7,759	32,872,362
JUL	3,675	13,837,723	1,354	7,401,249	2,226	10,101,016	7,255	31,339,988	7,432	31,816,090
JUN	3,633	13,428,192	1,406	7,328,212	2,277	10,296,657	7,316	31,053,061	7,494	31,504,554
MAY	3,502	13,505,344	1,278	7,049,157	1,910	9,253,935	6,690	29,808,436	6,853	30,199,084
APR	3,073	11,610,162	959	5,697,264	1,676	8,290,439	5,708	25,597,865	5,897	26,038,519
MAR	3,265	13,139,134	1,107	6,686,863	1,756	8,780,995	6,128	28,606,992	6,302	29,034,253
FEB	3,205	12,789,465	1,271	6,706,078	1,779	8,796,367	6,255	28,291,910	6,410	28,725,939
JAN	3,348	13,656,092	1,355	7,235,323	2,264	10,784,131	6,967	31,675,546	7,127	32,095,064
TOTAL 1983	36,108	133,879,328	14,076	75,072,992	23,208	102,292,424	73,392	311,244,744	75,385	315,948,322
TOTAL 1982	38,438	146,695,495	18,617	104,599,252	25,620	121,452,155	82,675	372,746,902	84,890	378,014,498

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	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1986	220	1,297,206	61	369,860	1,199	7,390,967	1,480	9,058,033
1986: MAR	17	110,589	5	39,884	219	1,296,602	241	1,447,075
FEB	65	394,153	17	93,424	352	2,302,787	434	2,790,364
JAN	138	792,464	39	236,552	628	3,791,578	805	4,820,594
TOTAL 1985	1,649	9,651,895	1,130	7,443,414	8,435	47,153,139	11,214	64,248,448
1985: DEC	122	749,951	58	381,089	742	4,282,660	922	5,413,700
NOV	92	550,687	61	420,785	610	3,379,556	763	4,351,028
OCT	133	734,121	73	387,681	691	3,747,832	897	4,869,634
SEP	111	597,492	66	432,388	700	3,760,760	877	4,790,640
AUG	163	962,995	89	576,738	766	4,091,567	1,018	5,631,300
JUL	131	760,300	79	499,602	712	3,770,993	922	5,030,895
JUN	114	606,218	111	789,062	642	3,313,004	867	4,708,284
MAY	147	865,957	121	767,181	650	3,659,237	918	5,292,375
APR	126	695,162	111	757,778	685	3,946,906	922	5,399,846
MAR	174	1,059,385	104	670,764	722	4,116,687	1,000	5,846,836
FEB	162	1,019,788	118	817,619	673	4,019,937	953	5,857,344
JAN	174	1,049,839	139	942,727	842	5,064,000	1,155	7,056,566
TOTAL 1984	2,281	12,405,615	1,563	9,779,258	10,824	57,632,752	14,668	79,817,625
1984: DEC	149	769,902	106	573,022	928	5,395,718	1,183	6,738,642
NOV	177	982,978	110	652,122	839	4,685,122	1,126	6,320,220
OCT	158	822,765	140	896,522	936	4,779,440	1,234	6,498,727
SEP	213	1,161,255	128	867,610	880	4,522,290	1,221	6,551,155
AUG	184	988,748	125	805,559	1,046	5,469,214	1,355	7,263,521
JUL	188	986,135	149	981,766	1,046	5,183,559	1,383	7,151,460
JUN	196	1,103,842	133	767,186	1,050	5,268,119	1,379	7,139,147
MAY	211	1,160,735	135	828,817	827	4,520,968	1,173	6,510,520
APR	154	898,020	99	677,072	747	4,031,274	1,000	5,606,366
MAR	214	1,193,813	152	1,033,489	733	4,127,690	1,099	6,354,992
FEB	204	1,155,382	152	897,159	798	4,411,184	1,154	6,463,725
JAN	233	1,182,042	134	798,934	994	5,238,174	1,361	7,219,150
TOTAL 1983	2,106	10,524,349	1,638	10,176,417	9,964	48,174,251	13,708	68,875,017
TOTAL 1982	2,457	13,392,338	2,152	14,667,710	11,192	60,193,746	15,801	88,253,794

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TABLE III: TOTAL NUMBER OF WELLS AND FOOTAGE ADDITIONS[1] BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR REPORTED TO THE API DURING MARCH 1986

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS AND DRY HOLES		TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[4] CURRENT MONTH	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1986	1,751	7,731,112	402	2,353,629	967	5,209,512	3,120	15,294,253	3,168	15,451,836
1986: MAR	335	1,247,043	63	358,495	427	2,281,836	825	3,887,374	831	3,893,956
FEB	750	3,412,725	153	974,146	302	1,720,057	1,205	6,106,928	1,218	6,148,645
JAN	666	3,071,344	186	1,020,988	238	1,207,619	1,090	5,299,951	1,119	5,409,235
TOTAL 1985	711	2,901,990	495	2,700,220	390	1,685,559	1,596	7,287,769	1,650	7,471,280
1985: DEC	280	1,359,625	139	806,309	130	568,149	549	2,734,083	564	2,792,941
NOV	135	598,686	86	467,139	77	383,484	298	1,449,309	310	1,498,140
OCT	84	310,149	77	390,560	42	183,213	203	883,922	214	932,793
SEP	67	229,710	61	288,367	30	116,280	158	634,357	160	641,537
AUG	34	121,603	47	283,506	25	117,394	106	522,503	106	522,503
JUL	16	59,144	27	142,503	18	65,612	61	267,259	66	276,034
JUN	20	64,687	11	74,120	12	68,681	43	207,488	44	208,073
MAY	16	42,677	14	92,991	13	36,710	43	172,378	43	172,378
APR	21	37,826	6	41,948	15	58,184	42	137,958	45	140,418
MAR	16	44,453	11	44,339	11	50,005	38	138,797	42	145,498
FEB	12	19,458	13	54,232	12	23,208	37	96,898	38	98,148
JAN	10	13,972	3	14,206	5	14,639	18	42,817	18	42,817
TOTAL 1984	122	326,441	67	331,022	57	131,283	246	788,746	260	828,709
1984: DEC	9	32,677	8	50,825	12	28,714	29	112,216	30	112,254
NOV	8	14,823	11	47,888	3	16,370	22	79,081	24	80,881
OCT	17	35,517	8	35,555	6	5,792	31	76,864	32	79,481
SEP	19	42,801	5	32,931	3	4,236	27	79,968	27	79,968
AUG	11	32,134	8	28,261	6	13,190	25	73,585	27	88,288
JUL	11	21,729	4	21,749	2	5,576	17	49,054	17	49,054
JUN	13	27,674	5	9,615	7	28,065	25	65,354	25	65,354
MAY	7	23,419	2	4,791	3	8,236	12	36,446	12	36,446
APR	7	16,767	5	27,603	4	7,944	16	52,314	16	52,314
MAR	9	26,779	5	53,010	5	7,240	19	87,029	20	87,702
FEB	7	39,411	1	4,725	4	3,227	12	47,363	18	64,670
JAN	4	12,710	5	14,069	2	2,693	11	29,472	12	32,297
TOTAL 1983	38	74,238	18	70,761	35	69,635	91	214,634	94	217,055
YRS PRIOR TO 1983	12	24,274	8	19,509	11	21,552	31	65,335	31	65,335
TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[5]	2,634	11,058,055	990	5,475,141	1,460	7,117,541	5,084	23,650,737	5,203	24,034,215

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TABLE I AND TABLE II:

1. The cumulative number of wells reported in this table is the total number of wells included in the API database for each of the months and years shown, as of March 31, 1986. These data are preliminary and subject to further revisions.

2. Includes multiple completion wells which produce oil from at least one zone, but may produce gas from one or more zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well.

3. Includes multiple completion wells which produce gas from all zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well. Gas wells also include so-called condensate wells.

4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. (Not applicable to Table II.)

TABLE III:

1. Total number of wells received by the API during the report month and classified by completion month and year. These wells are included in Tables I and II.

2. See footnote (2) above.

3. See footnote (3) above.

4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells.

5. Total wells reported are those received by the API for the report period March 1, 1986 through March 31, 1986. The sub-totals shown for each yearly period may not add up to the total wells reported for the period. Some wells, received during the report period, may have been completed in years prior to those shown in Table III.

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REPORT ON WELL COMPLETIONS IN THE UNITED STATES[1]

Wells actually completed in the current month may not be reported until several months later. The chart shown below illustrates the cumulative number of well completions for the current month and each of the eleven prior months, as now reported to the API. For comparison purposes, a corresponding curve describes the data, as then reported to the API, for the same twelve-month period a year ago.

These data are preliminary and subject to revision. The number of wells shown in the chart excludes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. The geographic distribution for wells and footage is not published on a monthly basis, but is available from the API's "Quarterly Completion Report."

Cumulative Number of Wells Reported as Completed
For Each of the Past 12 Months

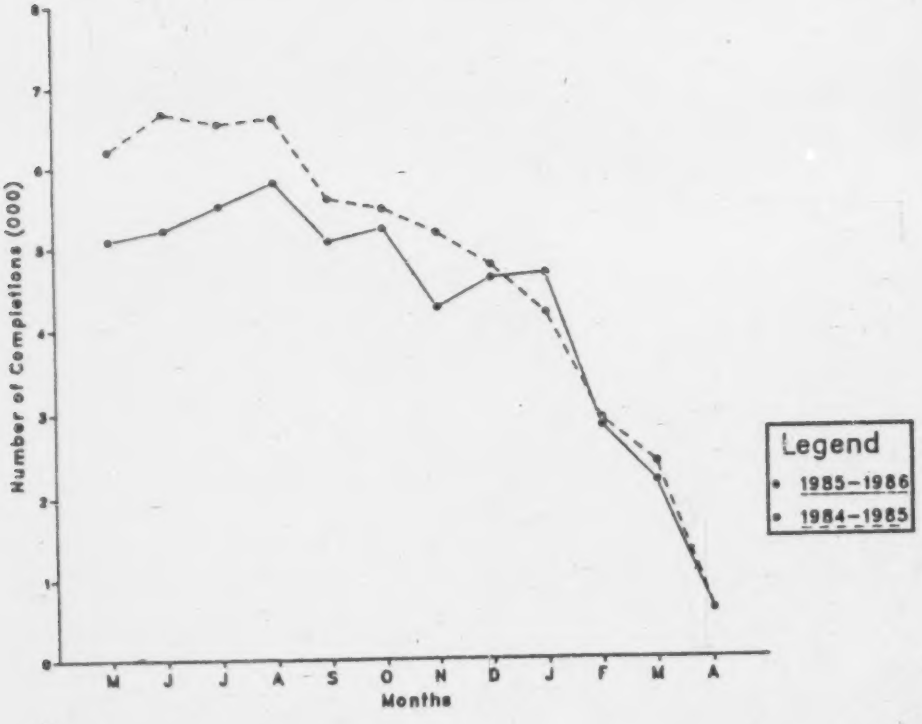

TABLE I: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF TOTAL WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF APRIL 25, 1986[1]

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES		TOTAL ALL WELLS[4]	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1986	5,554	22,817,534	1,289	7,868,923	3,401	18,611,561	10,244	49,298,018	10,350	49,681,530
1986: APR	240	935,188	49	316,544	308	1,682,388	597	2,934,120	598	2,936,420
MAR	1,119	4,813,346	252	1,681,288	798	4,329,026	2,169	10,823,660	2,181	10,859,498
FEB	1,637	7,101,667	343	2,194,527	850	4,927,425	2,830	14,223,619	2,863	14,363,099
JAN	2,558	9,967,333	645	3,676,564	1,445	7,672,722	4,648	21,316,619	4,708	21,522,513
TOTAL 1985	32,732	132,390,663	11,286	62,998,089	19,309	97,275,817	63,327	292,664,569	64,719	297,241,628
1985: DEC	2,345	9,711,662	683	3,882,256	1,569	8,272,393	4,597	21,866,311	4,662	22,101,105
NOV	2,179	8,918,132	700	4,000,300	1,369	6,938,580	4,248	19,857,012	4,309	20,089,858
OCT	2,619	10,659,232	1,016	5,214,781	1,578	7,791,815	5,213	23,665,828	5,292	23,936,513
SEP	2,557	9,985,125	935	4,996,086	1,565	7,795,825	5,057	22,777,036	5,138	23,013,060
AUG	3,020	11,810,213	1,002	5,441,383	1,774	8,545,352	5,796	25,796,948	5,879	26,045,910
JUL	2,842	10,852,375	998	5,536,785	1,662	7,931,168	5,502	24,320,328	5,634	24,712,461
JUN	2,723	10,749,989	941	5,091,343	1,542	7,393,385	5,206	23,234,717	5,331	23,661,215
MAY	2,659	11,190,144	856	4,853,452	1,561	7,890,763	5,076	23,934,359	5,232	24,475,164
APR	2,821	11,469,016	931	5,448,286	1,621	8,201,952	5,373	25,119,254	5,507	25,512,021
MAR	3,082	12,757,526	1,048	6,048,000	1,738	8,674,353	5,868	27,479,879	6,043	27,983,239
FEB	2,697	11,352,770	1,030	5,935,751	1,449	7,688,576	5,176	24,977,097	5,308	25,413,115
JAN	3,188	12,934,479	1,146	6,549,666	1,881	10,151,655	6,215	29,635,800	6,384	30,297,967
TOTAL 1984	42,820	164,033,663	14,343	79,189,731	24,359	116,224,361	81,522	359,447,755	83,613	364,993,125
1984: DEC	3,483	13,066,523	1,276	6,678,192	2,028	10,344,018	6,787	30,088,733	6,966	30,548,383
NOV	3,632	13,683,735	1,367	6,930,900	1,946	9,592,770	6,945	30,207,405	7,109	30,671,506
OCT	3,656	14,525,954	1,322	7,162,840	2,001	9,497,523	6,979	31,186,317	7,205	31,835,438
SEP	3,560	13,185,242	1,205	6,433,951	2,013	9,340,555	6,778	28,959,748	6,914	29,324,441
AUG	3,783	13,983,957	1,368	7,359,077	2,453	11,028,598	7,604	32,371,632	7,793	32,939,052
JUL	3,835	14,404,695	1,212	6,868,726	2,232	10,109,555	7,279	31,382,976	7,456	31,859,078
JUN	3,800	14,011,900	1,269	6,796,813	2,281	10,320,880	7,350	31,129,593	7,529	31,581,766
MAY	3,644	14,010,953	1,150	6,566,294	1,914	9,275,127	6,708	29,852,374	6,871	30,243,022
APR	3,183	12,004,854	853	5,312,910	1,681	8,329,995	5,717	25,647,759	5,906	26,086,413
MAR	3,354	13,460,380	1,022	6,366,375	1,761	8,799,014	6,137	28,625,769	6,311	29,053,030
FEB	3,364	13,363,468	1,119	6,144,196	1,781	8,786,920	6,264	28,294,584	6,419	28,728,613
JAN	3,526	14,332,002	1,180	6,569,457	2,268	10,799,406	6,974	31,700,865	7,134	32,120,383
TOTAL 1983	37,727	139,910,175	12,542	69,214,808	23,263	102,430,594	73,532	311,555,577	75,526	316,260,463
TOTAL 1982	39,973	152,428,040	17,111	98,967,227	25,652	121,555,322	82,736	372,950,589	84,951	378,218,185

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TABLE II: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF EXPLORATORY WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF APRIL 25, 1986[1]

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1986	323	1,953,865	130	899,454	1,624	9,920,708	2,077	12,774,027
1986: APR	16	99,319	3	35,011	149	915,648	168	1,049,978
MAR	62	400,344	30	229,964	401	2,397,013	493	3,027,321
FEB	88	544,131	34	250,558	401	2,596,916	523	3,391,605
JAN	157	910,071	63	383,921	673	4,011,131	893	5,305,123
TOTAL 1985	1,688	9,838,407	1,152	7,666,139	8,581	47,873,457	11,421	65,378,003
1985: DEC	127	763,162	66	436,235	777	4,468,989	970	5,668,386
NOV	95	566,099	71	504,078	632	3,503,613	798	4,573,790
OCT	136	753,696	74	401,697	719	3,892,970	929	5,048,363
SEP	115	622,613	71	483,361	710	3,825,496	896	4,931,470
AUG	167	986,023	91	598,131	777	4,126,018	1,035	5,710,172
JUL	134	776,858	80	511,787	717	3,786,126	931	5,074,771
JUN	121	637,417	109	784,003	648	3,347,748	878	4,769,168
MAY	149	870,254	120	763,804	654	3,685,926	923	5,319,984
APR	127	701,243	110	751,697	691	3,982,514	928	5,435,454
MAR	179	1,084,585	104	671,530	728	4,128,839	1,011	5,884,954
FEB	164	1,026,618	116	810,789	678	4,043,367	958	5,880,774
JAN	174	1,049,839	140	949,027	850	5,081,851	1,164	7,080,717
TOTAL 1984	2,307	12,492,689	1,544	9,718,167	10,855	57,751,788	14,706	79,962,644
1984: DEC	155	796,826	101	556,000	935	5,411,389	1,191	6,764,215
NOV	177	982,976	110	658,595	843	4,688,859	1,130	6,330,430
OCT	159	825,650	139	893,637	936	4,785,859	1,234	6,505,146
SEP	215	1,166,630	127	863,395	882	4,535,050	1,224	6,565,075
AUG	187	998,761	123	797,629	1,052	5,482,128	1,362	7,278,518
JUL	189	988,635	150	982,743	1,047	5,185,359	1,386	7,156,737
JUN	199	1,110,611	132	763,305	1,052	5,280,704	1,383	7,154,620
MAY	213	1,162,696	133	826,856	828	4,526,048	1,174	6,515,600
APR	155	901,620	98	673,472	750	4,067,335	1,003	5,642,427
MAR	216	1,200,913	150	1,026,389	735	4,130,554	1,101	6,357,856
FEB	206	1,163,415	150	889,126	800	4,413,329	1,156	6,465,870
JAN	236	1,193,956	131	787,020	995	5,245,174	1,362	7,226,150
TOTAL 1983	2,132	10,622,354	1,614	10,095,067	9,978	48,208,681	13,724	68,926,102
TOTAL 1982	2,485	13,507,736	2,128	14,580,492	11,195	60,201,841	15,808	88,290,069

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TABLE III: TOTAL NUMBER OF WELLS AND FOOTAGE ADDITIONS[1] BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR REPORTED TO THE API DURING APRIL 1986

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS AND DRY HOLES		TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[4] CURRENT MONTH	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1986	1,930	8,296,608	521	3,316,799	899	4,711,100	3,350	16,324,507	3,389	16,505,533
1986: APR	240	935,188	49	316,544	308	1,682,388	597	2,934,120	598	2,936,420
MAR	775	3,501,034	184	1,287,772	346	1,859,366	1,305	6,648,172	1,311	6,677,428
FEB	507	2,326,230	144	937,454	133	722,228	784	3,985,912	802	4,081,162
JAN	408	1,534,156	144	775,029	112	447,118	664	2,756,303	678	2,810,523
TOTAL 1985	663	1,788,165	339	1,594,556	278	1,246,400	1,280	4,629,121	1,367	4,825,249
1985: DEC	137	452,023	102	511,661	70	364,536	309	1,328,220	324	1,380,300
NOV	99	320,178	55	334,441	43	171,353	197	825,972	201	844,634
OCT	107	256,591	44	180,736	48	216,965	199	654,292	203	671,867
SEP	98	225,216	42	181,076	19	84,646	159	490,938	162	510,854
AUG	49	144,530	19	84,551	24	118,706	92	347,787	94	351,041
JUL	37	84,856	17	82,676	9	52,898	63	220,430	72	239,635
JUN	29	47,610	13	55,714	12	41,797	54	145,121	64	156,722
MAY	32	88,048	6	20,935	13	53,422	51	162,405	62	172,688
APR	26	72,187	6	30,579	8	31,325	40	134,091	47	144,079
MAR	17	32,676	15	48,565	9	26,955	41	108,196	58	134,766
FEB	13	29,146	7	9,766	9	40,912	29	79,824	33	86,257
JAN	19	35,104	13	53,856	14	42,885	46	131,845	47	132,406
TOTAL 1984	148	269,341	56	175,443	79	255,476	283	700,260	288	707,028
1984: DEC	9	10,283	7	32,115	12	29,942	28	72,340	29	73,640
NOV	22	57,121	5	18,888	9	41,056	36	117,065	36	117,065
OCT	16	22,124	13	34,608	5	34,572	34	91,304	36	93,527
SEP	20	35,725	8	21,075	9	23,526	37	80,326	37	80,326
AUG	12	20,853	4	8,133	15	18,722	31	47,708	32	50,273
JUL	13	23,922	5	15,669	6	8,539	24	48,130	24	48,130
JUN	27	42,986	5	16,975	4	24,223	36	84,184	37	84,864
MAY	12	20,284	3	8,459	4	21,192	19	49,935	19	49,935
APR	5	10,397	0	0	4	23,550	9	33,947	9	33,947
MAR	3	3,308	2	2,009	5	18,019	10	23,336	10	23,336
FEB	7	16,906	1	3,050	3	3,860	11	23,816	11	23,816
JAN	2	5,432	3	14,462	3	8,275	8	28,169	8	28,169
TOTAL 1983	69	96,597	11	53,097	53	138,736	133	288,430	134	289,738
YRS PRIOR TO 1983	16	26,198	9	52,855	31	103,417	56	182,470	56	182,470
TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[5]	2,826	10,476,909	936	5,192,750	1,340	6,455,129	5,102	22,124,788	5,234	22,510,018

See footnotes on page 5.

NOTE: The oil and gas well completions shown on Table III are being reported on the new basis and, therefore, are not subject to reclassification, regardless of the year of completion.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

In 1966 the American Petroleum Institute, in conjunction with other industry associations and federal and state agencies, agreed on a set of definitions for terms used in reporting statistical information. Included were the definitions for oil wells and gas wells, which have appeared as footnotes in the API's drilling publications since 1970. In most cases these definitions were adhered to.

The one exception to this was in the state of Ohio, where a substantial number of wells produce primarily gas along with relatively small amounts of oil. The Ohio Division of Oil and Gas classified these as "combination" wells. In reporting these wells to the API, the Ohio Oil and Gas Division developed a formula for classifying these combination wells as either oil or gas. Therefore, for the years 1970 through 1985, certain wells were classified as gas wells, which under the API definitions would have been classified as oil wells.

Petroleum Information Corporation, on the other hand, adhered to the definitions established, and thus reported these wells as oil wells. Thus, beginning in 1986, when PI was retained as the source for drilling information, wells which in the past would have been reported as gas wells now are being included in the oil well category.

This change will not be too apparent for the current report period since the reporting time lag for some areas tends to minimize the impact. However, as more 1986 data are reported to the API, the shift in well classification, from gas to oil, will become evident.

Therefore, the API has modified its data base and has changed the previously reported gas wells to oil wells to coincide with the new reporting basis. Thus, the April "Monthly Completion Report" shows the number of oil wells and gas wells for the current month and all prior months on the new basis.

1/ A well which produces oil from one zone, regardless of the number of productive gas zones, is classified as an oil well. A well which produces gas from one or more zones is classified as a gas well.

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Monthly Completion Report

STATISTICS DEPARTMENT
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Report Month: MAY 1986

REPORT ON WELL COMPLETIONS IN THE UNITED STATES[1]

Wells actually completed in the current month may not be reported until several months later. The chart shown below illustrates the cumulative number of well completions for the current month and each of the eleven prior months, as now reported to the API. For comparison purposes, a corresponding curve describes the data, as then reported to the API, for the same twelve-month period a year ago.

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Cumulative Number of Wells Reported as Completed
For Each of the Past 12 Months

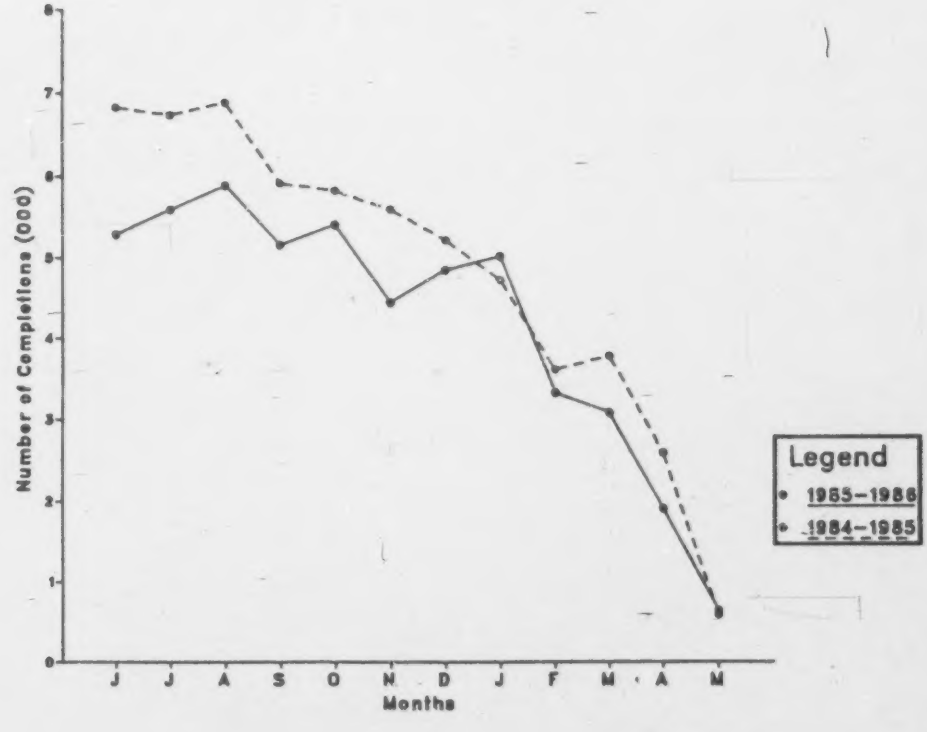

TABLE I: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF TOTAL WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF MAY 30, 1986[1]

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES		TOTAL ALL WELLS[4]	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1986	7,542	31,910,564	1,987	12,102,878	4,421	23,903,231	13,950	67,916,673	14,108	68,466,252
1986: MAY	230	1,060,292	43	281,594	367	1,998,109	640	3,339,995	650	3,369,194
APR	984	4,546,010	261	1,833,776	659	3,561,538	1,904	9,941,324	1,920	9,987,307
MAR	1,708	7,459,022	433	2,791,194	935	4,931,680	3,076	15,181,896	3,104	15,270,896
FEB	1,884	8,268,606	499	3,041,043	939	5,426,557	3,322	16,736,206	3,363	16,907,889
JAN	2,736	10,576,634	751	4,155,271	1,521	7,985,347	5,008	22,717,252	5,071	22,930,966
TOTAL 1985	33,397	134,414,616	11,562	64,401,640	19,598	98,310,416	64,557	297,126,672	65,995	301,801,252
1985: DEC	2,464	10,199,663	742	4,195,497	1,635	8,569,926	4,841	22,965,086	4,907	23,200,625
NOV	2,297	9,320,837	742	4,264,836	1,401	7,071,251	4,440	20,656,924	4,505	20,909,558
OCT	2,722	11,028,914	1,065	5,473,155	1,614	7,941,497	5,401	24,443,566	5,482	24,726,868
SEP	2,620	10,163,060	952	5,078,251	1,581	7,853,674	5,153	23,094,985	5,235	23,331,892
AUG	3,069	11,952,992	1,020	5,511,858	1,797	8,631,574	5,886	26,096,424	5,970	26,347,811
JUL	2,897	10,945,408	1,013	5,612,980	1,675	8,011,844	5,585	24,570,232	5,735	24,989,190
JUN	2,758	10,812,430	963	5,188,668	1,559	7,429,277	5,280	23,430,375	5,412	23,864,840
MAY	2,696	11,285,387	862	4,863,364	1,576	7,925,711	5,134	24,074,462	5,293	24,619,306
APR	2,841	11,515,904	942	5,507,204	1,646	8,256,432	5,429	25,279,540	5,564	25,674,822
MAR	3,115	12,820,461	1,060	6,099,519	1,753	8,719,447	5,928	27,639,427	6,105	28,145,153
FEB	2,721	11,407,745	1,044	6,009,521	1,458	7,707,112	5,223	25,124,378	5,355	25,560,396
JAN	3,197	12,961,815	1,157	6,596,787	1,903	10,192,671	6,257	29,751,273	6,432	30,430,791
TOTAL 1984	42,948	164,325,407	14,428	79,581,927	24,500	116,522,522	81,876	360,429,856	83,990	366,017,095
1984: DEC	3,502	13,102,339	1,286	6,731,162	2,044	10,360,833	6,832	30,194,334	7,012	30,656,834
NOV	3,647	13,707,191	1,374	6,980,289	1,967	9,631,995	6,988	30,319,475	7,153	30,785,689
OCT	3,666	14,543,479	1,332	7,203,399	2,015	9,544,741	7,013	31,291,619	7,241	31,946,440
SEP	3,575	13,216,007	1,221	6,489,469	2,027	9,370,185	6,823	29,075,661	6,960	29,443,204
AUG	3,796	14,019,559	1,380	7,410,383	2,462	11,051,905	7,638	32,481,847	7,831	33,060,105
JUL	3,848	14,454,555	1,222	6,912,785	2,241	10,132,188	7,311	31,499,528	7,490	31,977,374
JUN	3,808	14,027,404	1,276	6,842,231	2,300	10,355,832	7,384	31,225,467	7,565	31,679,403
MAY	3,652	14,038,740	1,155	6,597,591	1,922	9,294,197	6,729	29,930,528	6,894	30,324,616
APR	3,195	12,032,451	856	5,322,275	1,688	8,356,647	5,739	25,711,373	5,934	26,162,530
MAR	3,358	13,472,419	1,025	6,373,184	1,767	8,816,691	6,150	28,662,294	6,324	29,089,555
FEB	3,366	13,367,599	1,119	6,144,196	1,789	8,787,504	6,274	28,299,299	6,429	28,733,328
JAN	3,535	14,343,664	1,182	6,574,963	2,278	10,819,804	6,995	31,738,431	7,157	32,158,017
TOTAL 1983	37,791	140,009,676	12,559	69,276,060	23,361	102,611,638	73,711	311,897,374	75,707	316,607,820
TOTAL 1982	40,023	152,526,448	17,120	99,024,091	25,680	121,623,745	82,823	373,174,284	85,038	378,441,880

See footnotes on page 5.

TABLE II: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF EXPLORATORY WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF MAY 30, 1986[1]

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1986	425	2,688,393	210	1,462,591	2,087	12,656,408	2,722	16,807,392
1986: MAY	20	121,446	7	48,251	196	1,171,244	223	1,340,941
APR	54	394,127	34	284,738	320	1,920,729	408	2,599,594
MAR	82	555,520	47	359,945	441	2,594,976	570	3,510,441
FEB	99	632,623	49	339,986	436	2,839,605	584	3,812,214
JAN	170	984,677	73	429,671	694	4,129,854	937	5,544,202
TOTAL 1985	1,713	9,962,792	1,170	7,788,694	8,708	48,306,157	11,591	66,057,643
1985: DEC	135	802,312	69	460,911	798	4,564,011	1,002	5,827,234
NOV	97	577,269	72	512,672	647	3,577,163	816	4,667,104
OCT	142	791,665	78	425,026	738	3,970,415	958	5,187,106
SEP	118	640,309	71	483,361	715	3,849,742	904	4,973,412
AUG	168	988,651	92	598,818	788	4,159,934	1,048	5,747,403
JUL	135	779,160	83	531,815	724	3,834,020	942	5,144,995
JUN	122	638,037	111	794,103	659	3,363,630	892	4,795,770
MAY	151	878,264	121	764,134	663	3,704,417	935	5,346,815
APR	127	701,243	110	751,697	703	4,008,624	940	5,461,564
MAR	179	1,084,585	105	681,413	733	4,131,662	1,017	5,897,660
FEB	164	1,026,618	117	823,227	679	4,045,267	960	5,895,112
JAN	175	1,054,679	141	961,517	861	5,097,272	1,177	7,113,468
TOTAL 1984	2,310	12,498,424	1,550	9,763,908	10,913	57,871,830	14,773	80,134,162
1984: DEC	156	797,748	104	580,181	937	5,404,096	1,197	6,782,025
NOV	177	982,976	110	658,595	854	4,709,041	1,141	6,350,612
OCT	159	825,650	139	893,637	944	4,826,585	1,242	6,545,872
SEP	216	1,170,730	128	871,220	884	4,544,051	1,228	6,586,001
AUG	187	998,761	123	797,629	1,057	5,491,359	1,367	7,287,749
JUL	190	989,348	150	982,743	1,051	5,187,261	1,391	7,159,352
JUN	199	1,110,611	134	777,040	1,060	5,297,760	1,393	7,185,411
MAY	213	1,162,696	133	826,856	833	4,535,438	1,179	6,524,990
APR	155	901,620	98	673,472	752	4,071,564	1,005	5,646,656
MAR	216	1,200,913	150	1,026,389	735	4,130,554	1,101	6,357,856
FEB	206	1,163,415	150	889,126	804	4,418,308	1,160	6,470,849
JAN	236	1,193,956	131	787,020	1,002	5,255,813	1,369	7,236,789
TOTAL 1983	2,132	10,622,354	1,617	10,108,608	10,013	48,239,550	13,762	68,970,512
TOTAL 1982	2,486	13,511,119	2,131	14,609,287	11,202	60,214,120	15,819	88,334,526

See footnotes on page 5.

TABLE III: TOTAL NUMBER OF WELLS AND FOOTAGE ADDITIONS[1] BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR REPORTED TO THE API DURING MAY 1986

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS AND DRY HOLES		TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[4] CURRENT MONTH	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1986	1,937	8,684,401	698	4,227,835	1,014	5,269,345	3,649	18,181,581	3,699	18,336,712
1986: MAY	230	1,060,292	43	281,594	367	1,998,109	640	3,339,995	650	3,369,194
APR	731	3,494,859	210	1,504,071	348	1,857,657	1,289	6,856,587	1,303	6,896,414
MAR	574	2,543,593	181	1,109,906	136	609,848	891	4,263,347	906	4,309,429
FEB	232	1,037,490	159	860,739	88	487,084	479	2,385,313	487	2,417,516
JAN	170	548,167	105	471,525	75	316,647	350	1,336,339	353	1,344,159
TOTAL 1985	657	1,950,264	267	1,337,253	277	994,164	1,201	4,281,681	1,247	4,379,202
1985: DEC	120	492,115	58	310,821	64	292,432	242	1,095,368	243	1,096,113
NOV	116	388,910	41	256,699	30	129,394	187	775,003	191	794,791
OCT	103	366,726	47	244,778	33	134,899	183	746,403	185	759,020
SEP	62	167,119	17	82,165	16	62,265	95	311,549	96	312,432
AUG	49	137,552	18	70,475	21	75,979	88	284,006	89	286,431
JUL	54	90,731	14	68,530	14	90,876	82	250,137	100	276,962
JUN	34	54,216	21	89,728	17	35,892	72	179,836	79	187,803
MAY	35	71,884	6	9,912	14	30,157	55	111,953	58	115,992
APR	20	46,888	10	54,056	23	53,544	53	154,488	54	157,003
MAR	30	50,489	11	41,636	15	33,671	56	125,796	58	128,162
FEB	24	54,975	13	61,332	8	16,958	45	133,265	45	133,265
JAN	10	28,659	11	47,121	22	38,097	43	113,877	49	131,228
TOTAL 1984	116	239,536	83	386,953	139	298,707	338	925,196	357	966,970
1984: DEC	18	32,059	10	52,970	16	22,279	44	107,308	45	110,158
NOV	15	23,456	6	45,382	21	39,225	42	108,063	43	110,176
OCT	10	17,525	10	40,559	12	42,068	32	100,152	34	105,852
SEP	12	16,681	16	55,517	15	30,312	43	102,510	44	105,360
AUG	11	14,727	12	51,306	10	25,661	33	91,694	36	102,508
JUL	11	39,956	10	44,059	9	19,828	30	103,843	32	105,587
JUN	8	15,504	6	44,183	18	32,422	32	92,109	34	93,872
MAY	8	27,787	5	31,297	7	18,280	20	77,364	22	80,804
APR	11	27,538	3	9,365	7	26,652	21	63,555	26	74,055
MAR	2	12,010	3	6,809	6	17,677	11	36,496	11	36,496
FEB	2	4,131	0	0	9	8,384	11	12,515	11	12,515
JAN	8	8,162	2	5,506	9	15,919	19	29,587	19	29,587
TOTAL 1983	64	103,901	16	51,374	100	193,264	180	348,539	181	350,069
YRS PRIOR TO 1983	50	98,408	8	47,976	27	67,393	85	213,777	85	213,777
TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[5]	2,824	11,076,510	1,072	6,051,391	1,557	6,822,873	5,453	23,950,774	5,569	24,246,730

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REPORT ON WELL COMPLETIONS IN THE UNITED STATES[1]

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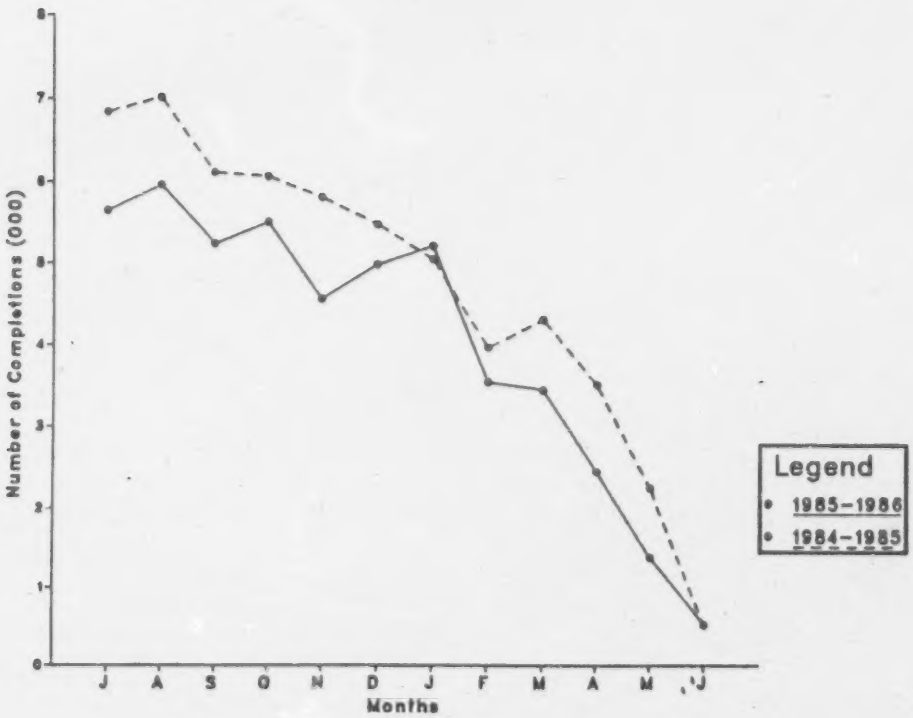

TABLE I: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF TOTAL WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF JUNE 27, 1986[1]

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES		TOTAL ALL WELLS[4]	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1986	8,873	37,443,997	2,457	14,853,512	5,236	27,834,066	16,566	80,131,575	16,797	80,997,855
1986: JUN	165	622,331	41	234,570	314	1,460,589	520	2,317,490	525	2,331,313
MAY	649	3,113,948	172	1,162,551	573	3,186,872	1,394	7,463,371	1,423	7,586,525
APR	1,294	5,881,985	384	2,549,988	775	4,064,862	2,453	12,496,836	2,488	12,646,803
MAR	1,916	8,293,518	508	3,174,629	1,025	5,315,782	3,449	16,783,929	3,492	16,925,753
FEB	2,003	8,668,139	545	3,290,406	998	5,688,959	3,546	17,647,504	3,600	17,866,086
JAN	2,846	10,864,075	807	4,441,368	1,551	8,117,002	5,204	23,422,445	5,269	23,641,375
TOTAL 1985	33,801	135,483,496	11,747	65,369,663	19,792	99,107,283	65,340	299,960,442	66,835	304,727,091
1985: DEC	2,527	10,440,229	782	4,444,950	1,667	8,724,408	4,976	23,609,587	5,044	23,858,866
NOV	2,358	9,516,159	771	4,460,107	1,432	7,200,697	4,561	21,176,963	4,627	21,435,006
OCT	2,772	11,161,800	1,090	5,614,118	1,636	8,036,244	5,498	24,812,162	5,582	25,103,454
SEP	2,654	10,261,302	976	5,155,369	1,602	7,941,174	5,232	23,357,845	5,314	23,594,752
AUG	3,101	12,035,720	1,039	5,590,643	1,820	8,715,009	5,960	26,341,372	6,045	26,595,184
JUL	2,928	11,004,328	1,027	5,665,433	1,687	8,068,211	5,642	24,737,972	5,793	25,158,630
JUN	2,795	10,876,606	974	5,243,376	1,570	7,459,632	5,339	23,579,614	5,473	24,016,802
MAY	2,734	11,364,437	869	4,897,784	1,586	7,986,211	5,189	24,248,432	5,358	24,799,610
APR	2,860	11,555,370	948	5,545,944	1,656	8,296,878	5,464	25,398,192	5,610	25,800,256
MAR	3,129	12,840,491	1,060	6,105,725	1,760	8,756,250	5,949	27,702,466	6,148	28,235,331
FEB	2,735	11,435,537	1,046	6,025,705	1,466	7,717,765	5,247	25,179,007	5,382	25,630,002
JAN	3,208	12,991,517	1,165	6,620,509	1,910	10,204,804	6,283	29,816,830	6,459	30,499,198
TOTAL 1984	43,017	164,518,021	14,456	79,702,249	24,559	116,727,362	82,032	360,947,632	84,155	366,548,285
1984: DEC	3,513	13,134,179	1,289	6,752,202	2,049	10,384,456	6,851	30,270,837	7,031	30,733,337
NOV	3,654	13,736,196	1,380	7,005,324	1,973	9,657,682	7,007	30,399,202	7,173	30,866,951
OCT	3,675	14,576,078	1,335	7,222,981	2,018	9,542,340	7,028	31,341,399	7,257	32,000,698
SEP	3,588	13,248,724	1,226	6,502,979	2,037	9,393,932	6,851	29,145,635	6,989	29,513,203
AUG	3,802	14,018,696	1,383	7,421,777	2,466	11,073,666	7,651	32,514,139	7,844	33,092,397
JUL	3,851	14,456,003	1,226	6,921,687	2,246	10,130,993	7,323	31,508,683	7,503	31,986,536
JUN	3,810	14,032,911	1,279	6,854,642	2,308	10,388,454	7,397	31,276,007	7,579	31,730,971
MAY	3,656	14,053,140	1,156	6,606,039	1,929	9,349,706	6,741	30,008,885	6,909	30,406,270
APR	3,196	12,036,801	856	5,322,275	1,691	8,364,890	5,743	25,723,966	5,938	26,175,123
MAR	3,361	13,478,504	1,025	6,373,184	1,769	8,821,390	6,155	28,673,078	6,329	29,100,339
FEB	3,370	13,386,345	1,119	6,144,196	1,791	8,788,509	6,280	28,319,050	6,435	28,753,079
JAN	3,541	14,360,444	1,182	6,574,963	2,282	10,831,344	7,005	31,766,751	7,168	32,189,381
TOTAL 1983	37,896	140,160,959	12,565	69,296,300	23,396	102,694,874	73,857	312,152,133	75,856	316,880,504
TOTAL 1982	40,036	152,571,086	17,123	99,035,293	25,715	121,793,390	82,874	373,399,769	85,092	378,677,182

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TABLE II: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF EXPLORATORY WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF JUNE 27, 1986[1]

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1986	510	3,168,545	264	1,924,110	2,400	14,420,992	3,174	19,513,647
1986: JUN	9	38,934	4	38,928	124	687,601	137	765,463
MAY	48	271,960	27	206,295	289	1,738,564	364	2,216,819
APR	79	562,877	43	370,805	356	2,097,651	478	3,031,333
MAR	97	652,024	56	451,366	469	2,780,380	622	3,883,770
FEB	108	673,169	56	402,993	461	2,970,351	625	4,046,513
JAN	169	969,581	78	453,723	701	4,146,445	948	5,569,749
TOTAL 1985	1,728	10,037,386	1,188	7,938,791	8,784	48,663,000	11,700	66,639,177
1985: DEC	137	815,922	73	494,109	816	4,668,757	1,026	5,978,788
NOV	103	617,687	76	550,267	660	3,639,579	839	4,807,533
OCT	142	791,665	80	448,880	745	3,994,999	967	5,235,544
SEP	118	640,309	71	483,361	721	3,895,621	910	5,019,291
AUG	168	988,651	95	616,958	798	4,204,208	1,061	5,809,817
JUL	136	783,660	86	550,531	728	3,843,724	950	5,177,915
JUN	124	641,448	111	794,103	664	3,377,045	899	4,812,596
MAY	152	879,805	122	774,102	668	3,736,142	942	5,390,049
APR	128	708,239	111	760,323	707	4,028,230	946	5,496,792
MAR	181	1,088,703	105	681,413	734	4,136,867	1,020	5,906,983
FEB	164	1,026,618	117	823,227	681	4,046,567	962	5,896,412
JAN	175	1,054,679	141	961,517	862	5,091,261	1,178	7,107,457
TOTAL 1984	2,311	12,503,174	1,552	9,780,357	10,927	57,941,988	14,790	80,225,519
1984: DEC	156	797,748	104	580,181	938	5,414,072	1,198	6,792,001
NOV	178	987,726	111	666,224	857	4,733,328	1,146	6,387,278
OCT	159	825,650	139	893,637	944	4,816,555	1,242	6,535,842
SEP	216	1,170,730	128	871,220	888	4,565,295	1,232	6,607,245
AUG	187	998,761	124	806,449	1,058	5,497,059	1,369	7,302,269
JUL	190	989,348	150	982,743	1,051	5,187,261	1,391	7,159,352
JUN	199	1,110,611	134	777,040	1,061	5,302,442	1,394	7,190,093
MAY	213	1,162,696	133	826,856	835	4,557,842	1,181	6,547,394
APR	155	901,620	98	673,472	751	4,066,064	1,004	5,641,156
MAR	216	1,200,913	150	1,026,389	734	4,125,204	1,100	6,352,506
FEB	206	1,163,415	150	889,126	806	4,419,313	1,162	6,471,854
JAN	236	1,193,956	131	787,020	1,004	5,257,553	1,371	7,238,529
TOTAL 1983	2,132	10,622,354	1,617	10,108,608	10,025	48,262,170	13,774	68,993,132
TOTAL 1982	2,486	13,511,119	2,131	14,609,287	11,206	60,239,261	15,823	88,359,667

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TABLE III: TOTAL NUMBER OF WELLS AND FOOTAGE ADDITIONS[1] BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR REPORTED TO THE API DURING JUNE 1986

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS AND DRY HOLES		TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[4] CURRENT MONTH	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1986	1,328	5,555,975	468	2,723,725	816	3,893,527	2,612	12,173,227	2,685	12,482,353
1986: JUN	165	622,331	41	234,570	314	1,460,589	520	2,317,490	525	2,331,313
MAY	420	2,047,290	129	886,017	208	1,188,743	757	4,122,050	777	4,217,705
APR	312	1,351,824	122	703,207	122	544,753	556	2,599,784	574	2,694,493
MAR	204	804,213	75	383,435	87	344,558	366	1,532,206	381	1,585,030
FEB	119	415,516	46	241,999	56	226,935	221	884,450	234	931,349
JAN	108	314,801	55	274,497	29	127,949	192	717,247	194	722,463
TOTAL 1985	398	1,048,762	185	962,825	191	802,307	774	2,813,894	829	2,904,219
1985: DEC	63	238,706	40	249,438	34	161,892	137	650,036	139	663,776
NOV	62	203,492	29	195,271	31	132,946	122	531,709	123	537,109
OCT	50	132,453	23	129,224	22	109,860	95	371,537	98	379,527
SEP	33	85,697	25	80,429	19	78,699	77	244,825	77	244,825
AUG	32	84,980	20	80,597	20	71,882	72	237,459	73	239,884
JUL	30	55,251	13	44,636	13	65,567	56	165,454	56	165,454
JUN	36	58,994	11	54,708	10	25,693	57	139,395	59	142,118
MAY	36	75,237	7	34,420	9	55,733	52	165,390	62	171,724
APR	19	39,466	6	38,740	9	33,446	34	111,652	45	118,434
MAR	14	22,580	1	15,456	6	31,598	21	69,634	42	96,738
FEB	14	27,792	2	16,184	8	10,653	24	54,629	27	69,606
JAN	9	24,114	8	23,722	10	24,338	27	72,174	28	75,024
TOTAL 1984	66	211,029	26	110,637	65	226,007	157	547,673	164	561,055
1984: DEC	10	30,166	3	21,040	5	21,127	18	72,333	18	72,333
NOV	4	12,964	5	17,406	8	34,200	17	64,570	18	66,105
OCT	7	27,528	3	19,582	4	7,991	14	55,101	15	59,579
SEP	12	32,683	5	13,510	11	36,305	28	82,498	28	82,498
AUG	7	14,122	3	11,394	4	21,761	14	47,277	14	47,277
JUL	6	28,951	3	6,846	6	7,100	15	42,897	15	42,897
JUN	2	5,507	3	12,411	7	10,977	12	28,895	13	29,923
MAY	4	14,400	1	8,448	8	57,859	13	80,707	16	84,004
APR	1	4,350	0	0	4	13,743	5	18,093	5	18,093
MAR	3	6,085	0	0	3	10,049	6	16,134	6	16,134
FEB	4	18,746	0	0	2	1,005	6	19,751	6	19,751
JAN	6	15,527	0	0	3	3,890	9	19,417	10	22,461
TOTAL 1983	105	164,256	6	22,347	33	79,776	144	266,379	148	289,432
YRS PRIOR TO 1983	12	34,601	2	6,065	33	144,039	47	184,705	50	194,522
TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[5]	1,909	7,014,623	687	3,825,599	1,138	5,145,656	3,734	15,985,878	3,876	16,431,581

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TABLE I AND TABLE II:

1. The cumulative number of wells reported in this table is the total number of wells included in the API database for each of the months and years shown, as of June 27, 1986. These data are preliminary and subject to further revisions.

2. Includes multiple completion wells which produce oil from at least one zone, but may produce gas from one or more zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well.

3. Includes multiple completion wells which produce gas from all zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well. Gas wells also include so-called condensate wells.

4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. (Not applicable to Table II.)

TABLE III:

1. Total number of wells received by the API during the report month and classified by completion month and year. These wells are included in Tables I and II.

2. See footnote (2) above.

3. See footnote (3) above.

4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells.

5. Total wells reported are those received by the API for the report period May 31, 1986 through June 27, 1986. The sub-totals shown for each yearly period may not add up to the total wells reported for the period. Some wells, received during the report period, may have been completed in years prior to those shown in Table III.

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Wells actually completed in the current month may not be reported until several months later. The chart shown below illustrates the cumulative number of well completions for the current month and each of the eleven prior months, as now reported to the API. For comparison purposes, a corresponding curve describes the data, as then reported to the API, for the same twelve-month period a year ago.

These data are preliminary and subject to revision. The number of wells shown in the chart excludes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. The geographic distribution for wells and footage is not published on a monthly basis, but is available from the API's "Quarterly Completion Report."

Cumulative Number of Wells Reported as Completed
For Each of the Past 12 Months

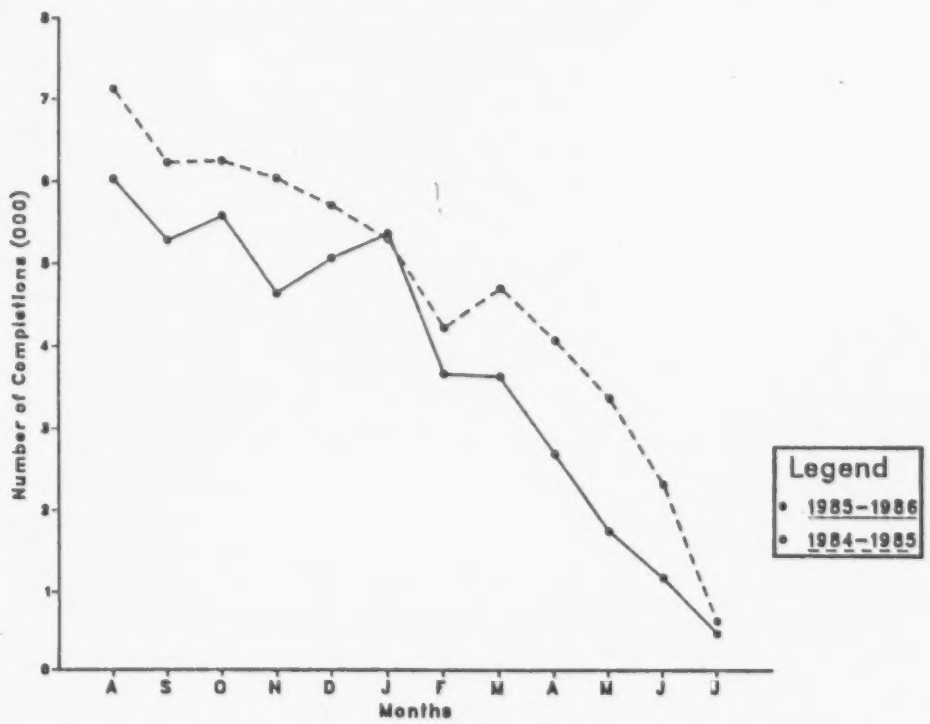

TABLE I: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF TOTAL WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF JULY 25, 1986[1]

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES		TOTAL ALL WELLS[4]	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1986	9,844	41,598,559	2,847	17,253,907	6,071	31,667,547	18,762	90,520,013	19,017	91,492,267
1986: JUL	130	575,993	31	184,022	302	1,578,722	463	2,338,737	466	2,351,993
JUN	505	2,247,432	144	934,064	540	2,670,361	1,189	5,851,857	1,203	5,911,681
MAY	816	3,801,273	269	1,688,251	667	3,586,620	1,752	9,076,144	1,791	9,236,661
APR	1,401	6,381,029	440	2,841,298	849	4,308,674	2,690	13,531,001	2,727	13,690,322
MAR	1,994	8,587,894	549	3,479,540	1,092	5,454,670	3,635	17,522,104	3,678	17,663,928
FEB	2,061	8,890,090	569	3,460,893	1,039	5,846,618	3,669	18,197,601	3,723	18,416,183
JAN	2,937	11,114,848	845	4,665,839	1,582	8,221,882	5,364	24,002,569	5,429	24,221,499
TOTAL 1985	34,098	136,182,013	11,873	66,119,798	19,961	99,616,871	65,932	301,918,682	67,467	306,759,609
1985: DEC	2,571	10,534,031	796	4,575,302	1,695	8,790,291	5,062	23,899,624	5,131	24,152,270
NOV	2,400	9,653,547	789	4,568,150	1,448	7,255,253	4,637	21,476,950	4,704	21,736,311
OCT	2,813	11,251,085	1,109	5,744,559	1,659	8,133,812	5,581	25,129,456	5,669	25,441,187
SEP	2,675	10,308,768	990	5,238,678	1,617	7,982,330	5,282	23,529,776	5,364	23,766,683
AUG	3,135	12,123,989	1,052	5,667,342	1,840	8,762,928	6,027	26,554,259	6,114	26,815,521
JUL	2,955	11,046,590	1,035	5,717,236	1,706	8,108,569	5,696	24,872,395	5,847	25,293,053
JUN	2,815	10,940,997	980	5,279,763	1,586	7,506,926	5,381	23,727,686	5,522	24,172,532
MAY	2,747	11,391,040	878	4,940,329	1,597	8,018,200	5,222	24,349,569	5,411	24,924,926
APR	2,872	11,587,550	954	5,577,021	1,666	8,342,447	5,492	25,507,018	5,639	25,910,767
MAR	3,145	12,872,418	1,065	6,116,741	1,762	8,761,623	5,972	27,750,782	6,173	28,285,974
FEB	2,747	11,460,673	1,057	6,065,972	1,471	7,745,278	5,275	25,271,923	5,410	25,722,918
JAN	3,223	13,011,325	1,168	6,628,705	1,914	10,209,214	6,305	29,849,244	6,483	30,537,467
TOTAL 1984	43,130	164,778,371	14,478	79,807,508	24,636	116,979,719	82,244	361,565,598	84,390	367,202,813
1984: DEC	3,532	13,154,538	1,290	6,753,551	2,055	10,400,329	6,877	30,308,418	7,059	30,778,993
NOV	3,672	13,771,834	1,384	7,030,904	1,978	9,672,845	7,034	30,475,583	7,210	30,956,400
OCT	3,685	14,601,405	1,337	7,225,793	2,021	9,549,799	7,043	31,376,997	7,275	32,041,456
SEP	3,597	13,267,839	1,225	6,498,344	2,045	9,401,050	6,867	29,167,233	7,006	29,536,701
AUG	3,815	14,045,825	1,385	7,425,354	2,476	11,101,605	7,676	32,572,784	7,870	33,151,774
JUL	3,855	14,477,309	1,229	6,935,038	2,249	10,143,014	7,333	31,555,361	7,513	32,033,214
JUN	3,823	14,070,320	1,282	6,871,053	2,320	10,411,158	7,425	31,352,531	7,607	31,807,495
MAY	3,660	14,075,210	1,159	6,616,699	1,937	9,385,592	6,756	30,077,501	6,929	30,479,630
APR	3,198	12,046,763	856	5,322,275	1,696	8,378,388	5,750	25,747,426	5,946	26,201,466
MAR	3,362	13,480,045	1,028	6,402,559	1,776	8,867,016	6,166	28,749,620	6,340	29,176,881
FEB	3,377	13,397,130	1,121	6,150,975	1,796	8,808,951	6,294	28,357,056	6,449	28,791,085
JAN	3,554	14,390,153	1,182	6,574,963	2,287	10,859,972	7,023	31,825,088	7,186	32,247,718
TOTAL 1983	37,922	140,196,433	12,576	69,340,235	23,451	102,786,053	73,949	312,322,721	75,951	317,055,097
TOTAL 1982	40,067	152,641,427	17,132	99,067,849	25,739	121,837,849	82,938	373,547,125	85,157	378,825,341

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TABLE II: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF EXPLORATORY WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF JULY 25, 1986[1]

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1986	575	3,629,987	317	2,292,684	2,744	16,277,011	3,636	22,199,682
1986: JUL	14	92,921	6	27,716	137	745,885	157	866,522
JUN	30	199,486	20	128,285	213	1,235,191	263	1,562,962
MAY	57	336,595	31	236,272	328	1,968,474	416	2,541,341
APR	82	578,800	48	414,713	382	2,214,859	512	3,208,372
MAR	101	683,962	64	525,461	492	2,852,942	657	4,062,365
FEB	113	719,196	62	443,155	477	3,057,872	652	4,220,223
JAN	178	1,019,027	86	517,082	715	4,201,788	979	5,737,897
TOTAL 1985	1,741	10,105,624	1,205	8,080,460	8,835	48,814,275	11,781	67,000,359
1985: DEC	141	839,503	77	516,704	829	4,716,532	1,047	6,072,739
NOV	105	626,457	82	597,812	662	3,631,430	849	4,855,699
OCT	142	791,665	83	482,142	751	4,008,855	976	5,282,662
SEP	119	645,269	72	492,108	727	3,915,588	918	5,052,965
AUG	170	1,000,026	95	616,958	803	4,211,048	1,068	5,828,032
JUL	137	791,260	87	566,534	733	3,853,112	957	5,210,906
JUN	127	653,400	111	794,103	669	3,389,148	907	4,836,651
MAY	152	879,805	123	779,966	672	3,752,354	947	5,412,125
APR	128	708,239	111	760,323	710	4,047,823	949	5,516,385
MAR	181	1,088,703	105	681,413	734	4,136,867	1,020	5,906,983
FEB	164	1,026,618	118	830,880	682	4,054,007	964	5,911,505
JAN	175	1,054,679	141	961,517	863	5,097,511	1,179	7,113,707
TOTAL 1984	2,312	12,504,034	1,553	9,786,166	10,958	58,057,968	14,823	80,348,168
1984: DEC	156	797,748	104	580,181	941	5,419,965	1,201	6,797,894
NOV	179	988,586	111	666,224	857	4,733,328	1,147	6,388,138
OCT	159	825,650	139	893,637	944	4,811,965	1,242	6,531,252
SEP	216	1,170,730	128	871,220	890	4,567,259	1,234	6,609,209
AUG	187	998,761	124	806,449	1,063	5,511,443	1,374	7,316,653
JUL	190	989,348	150	982,743	1,051	5,187,261	1,391	7,159,352
JUN	199	1,110,611	134	777,040	1,070	5,312,557	1,403	7,200,208
MAY	213	1,162,696	133	826,856	838	4,581,884	1,184	6,571,436
APR	155	901,620	98	673,472	752	4,070,781	1,005	5,645,873
MAR	216	1,200,913	151	1,032,198	738	4,156,103	1,105	6,389,214
FEB	206	1,163,415	150	889,126	807	4,429,287	1,163	6,481,828
JAN	236	1,193,956	131	787,020	1,007	5,276,135	1,374	7,257,111
TOTAL 1983	2,132	10,622,354	1,617	10,108,608	10,041	48,286,240	13,790	69,017,202
TOTAL 1982	2,485	13,504,484	2,132	14,616,499	11,210	60,247,648	15,827	88,368,631

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TABLE III: TOTAL NUMBER OF WELLS AND FOOTAGE ADDITIONS[1] BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR REPORTED TO THE API DURING JULY 1986

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS AND DRY HOLES		TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[4] CURRENT MONTH	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1986	969	4,164,808	383	2,354,327	841	3,862,577	2,193	10,381,712	2,216	10,476,706
1986: JUL	130	575,993	31	184,022	302	1,578,722	463	2,338,737	466	2,351,993
JUN	341	1,629,397	104	711,264	226	1,223,222	671	3,563,883	679	3,598,904
MAY	170	722,602	96	517,287	95	395,222	361	1,635,111	371	1,672,474
APR	106	499,751	54	280,508	72	224,588	232	1,004,847	234	1,014,201
MAR	76	282,251	36	260,101	72	175,438	184	717,790	184	717,790
FEB	58	227,792	27	197,699	38	139,101	123	564,592	123	564,592
JAN	88	227,022	35	203,446	36	126,284	159	556,752	159	556,752
TOTAL 1985	290	651,162	123	724,904	162	484,306	575	1,860,372	615	1,934,650
1985: DEC	48	119,862	14	125,160	29	78,441	91	323,463	92	326,830
NOV	39	111,798	18	107,634	16	68,678	73	288,110	74	289,428
OCT	40	87,656	19	130,441	21	80,510	80	298,607	84	319,046
SEP	21	41,028	14	83,309	16	40,452	51	164,789	51	164,789
AUG	32	71,462	13	76,680	18	40,815	63	188,957	65	196,407
JUL	27	42,262	8	51,803	17	32,747	52	126,812	52	126,812
JUN	17	46,625	6	36,387	14	38,718	37	121,730	44	129,388
MAY	13	26,603	8	36,681	11	31,989	32	95,273	52	119,452
APR	12	32,180	6	31,077	10	45,569	28	108,826	29	110,511
MAR	14	26,742	5	11,016	2	2,977	21	40,735	23	43,062
FEB	12	25,136	9	26,520	4	19,000	25	70,656	25	70,656
JAN	15	19,808	3	8,196	4	4,410	22	32,414	24	38,269
TOTAL 1984	114	264,076	22	103,239	72	156,957	208	524,272	233	569,790
1984: DEC	20	23,536	1	1,349	4	6,582	25	31,467	27	39,542
NOV	16	31,682	3	18,925	4	9,257	23	59,864	33	72,932
OCT	9	21,821	2	2,812	5	9,526	16	34,159	21	48,275
SEP	10	20,385	0	0	9	12,711	19	33,096	20	34,996
AUG	12	27,122	2	3,577	10	27,939	24	58,638	25	59,370
JUL	3	18,823	3	13,351	4	12,471	10	44,645	10	44,645
JUN	14	43,489	3	16,411	12	22,704	29	82,604	29	82,604
MAY	5	22,970	3	10,660	8	15,976	16	49,606	21	54,350
APR	3	10,895	0	0	5	13,498	8	24,393	9	27,276
MAR	1	1,541	3	29,375	6	17,617	10	48,533	10	48,533
FEB	7	10,785	2	6,779	3	1,468	12	19,032	12	19,032
JAN	14	31,027	0	0	2	7,208	16	38,235	16	38,235
TOTAL 1983	26	47,739	11	43,935	53	85,056	90	176,730	94	181,029
YRS PRIOR TO 1983	31	73,701	7	22,139	22	39,776	60	135,616	61	136,419
TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[5]	1,430	5,201,486	546	3,248,544	1,150	4,628,672	3,126	13,078,702	3,219	13,298,594

See footnotes on page 5.

TABLE I AND TABLE II:

1. The cumulative number of wells reported in this table is the total number of wells included in the API database for each of the months and years shown, as of July 25, 1986. These data are preliminary and subject to further revisions.

2. Includes multiple completion wells which produce oil from at least one zone, but may produce gas from one or more zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well.

3. Includes multiple completion wells which produce gas from all zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well. Gas wells also include so-called condensate wells.

4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. (Not applicable to Table II.)

TABLE III:

1. Total number of wells received by the API during the report month and classified by completion month and year. These wells are included in Tables I and II.

2. See footnote (2) above.

3. See footnote (3) above.

4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells.

5. Total wells reported are those received by the API for the report period June 28, 1986 through July 25, 1986. The sub-totals shown for each yearly period may not add up to the total wells reported for the period. Some wells, received during the report period, may have been completed in years prior to those shown in Table III.

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REPORT ON WELL COMPLETIONS IN THE UNITED STATES[1]

Wells actually completed in the current month may not be reported until several months later. The chart shown below illustrates the cumulative number of well completions for the current month and each of the eleven prior months, as now reported to the API. For comparison purposes, a corresponding curve describes the data, as then reported to the API, for the same twelve-month period a year ago.

These data are preliminary and subject to revision. The number of wells shown in the chart excludes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. The geographic distribution for wells and footage is not published on a monthly basis, but is available from the API's "Quarterly Completion Report."

Cumulative Number of Wells Reported as Completed
For Each of the Past 12 Months

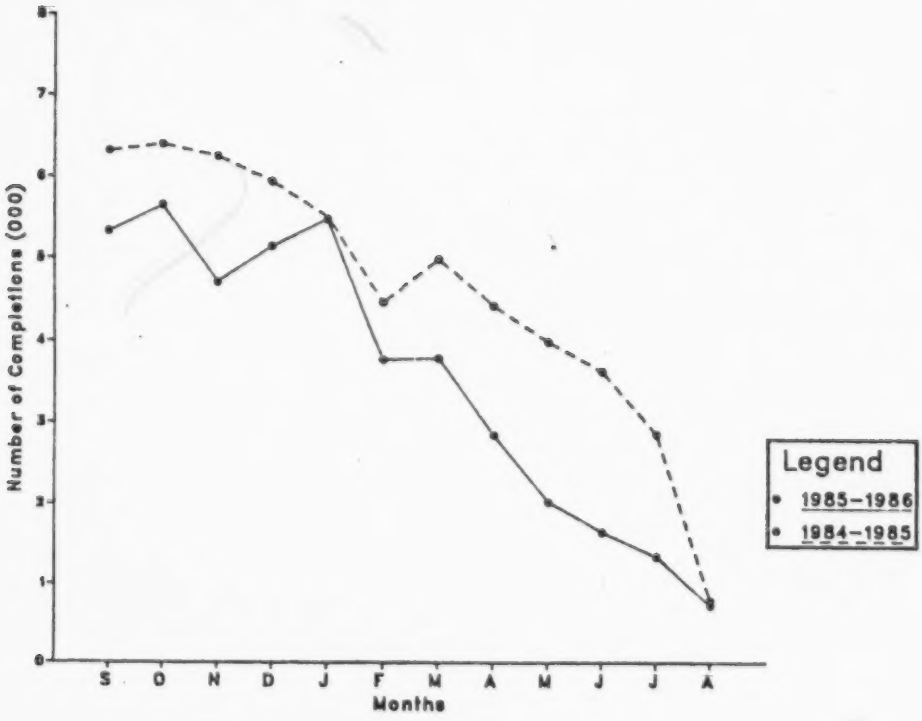

TABLE I: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF TOTAL WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF AUGUST 29, 1986[1]

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES		TOTAL ALL WELLS[4]	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1986	11,089	47,175,155	3,386	20,217,524	7,052	36,247,201	21,527	103,639,880	21,857	104,883,654
1986: AUG	258	1,138,701	48	257,547	414	1,927,649	720	3,323,897	730	3,358,724
JUL	558	2,542,169	170	1,051,900	602	3,092,345	1,330	6,686,414	1,357	6,795,505
JUN	733	3,243,164	265	1,665,124	636	3,075,869	1,634	7,984,157	1,657	8,081,754
MAY	936	4,360,048	343	2,074,760	726	3,819,523	2,005	10,254,331	2,050	10,439,302
APR	1,456	6,606,354	496	3,129,006	879	4,440,428	2,831	14,175,788	2,877	14,365,686
MAR	2,060	8,917,668	585	3,627,398	1,133	5,633,178	3,778	18,178,244	3,824	18,326,271
FEB	2,104	9,085,242	597	3,611,900	1,062	5,959,528	3,763	18,656,670	3,822	18,888,042
JAN	2,984	11,281,809	882	4,799,889	1,600	8,298,681	5,466	24,380,379	5,540	24,628,370
TOTAL 1985	34,336	136,816,180	12,011	66,842,439	20,072	99,935,335	66,419	303,653,954	67,980	308,545,520
1985: DEC	2,609	10,665,326	820	4,694,461	1,705	8,835,516	5,134	24,195,303	5,208	24,455,439
NOV	2,434	9,766,099	806	4,694,803	1,461	7,316,776	4,701	21,777,678	4,769	22,038,514
OCT	2,834	11,310,690	1,132	5,839,010	1,674	8,181,296	5,640	25,330,996	5,729	25,644,227
SEP	2,689	10,339,556	1,007	5,293,403	1,627	8,012,327	5,323	23,645,286	5,405	23,882,193
AUG	3,175	12,190,591	1,068	5,762,854	1,845	8,788,436	6,088	26,741,881	6,180	27,006,357
JUL	2,976	11,082,588	1,043	5,765,016	1,720	8,150,567	5,739	24,998,171	5,892	25,425,339
JUN	2,832	10,980,637	989	5,317,934	1,596	7,539,762	5,417	23,838,333	5,559	24,284,899
MAY	2,761	11,433,316	879	4,942,641	1,605	8,045,740	5,245	24,421,697	5,436	24,998,697
APR	2,881	11,619,508	957	5,592,632	1,674	8,364,093	5,512	25,576,233	5,664	25,999,030
MAR	3,156	12,889,713	1,072	6,167,691	1,766	8,768,851	5,994	27,826,255	6,196	28,362,269
FEB	2,756	11,487,345	1,067	6,124,136	1,477	7,757,765	5,300	25,369,246	5,436	25,820,262
JAN	3,233	13,050,811	1,171	6,647,858	1,922	10,234,206	6,326	29,932,875	6,506	30,628,294
TOTAL 1984	43,234	164,987,974	14,528	79,997,418	24,689	117,192,632	82,451	362,178,024	84,619	367,842,317
1984: DEC	3,541	13,173,185	1,296	6,775,291	2,063	10,405,506	6,900	30,353,982	7,082	30,824,557
NOV	3,675	13,782,299	1,396	7,073,478	1,980	9,683,043	7,051	30,538,820	7,228	31,020,974
OCT	3,691	14,625,037	1,338	7,229,593	2,022	9,571,908	7,051	31,426,538	7,283	32,090,997
SEP	3,608	13,279,429	1,229	6,510,162	2,053	9,417,763	6,890	29,207,354	7,030	29,578,800
AUG	3,826	14,059,316	1,388	7,444,422	2,483	11,123,379	7,697	32,627,117	7,894	33,206,597
JUL	3,871	14,490,224	1,234	6,953,581	2,257	10,192,382	7,362	31,636,187	7,544	32,115,202
JUN	3,835	14,114,894	1,289	6,888,773	2,319	10,408,921	7,443	31,412,588	7,629	31,877,383
MAY	3,670	14,106,069	1,163	6,645,974	1,941	9,414,652	6,774	30,166,695	6,950	30,578,617
APR	3,205	12,064,436	857	5,327,560	1,700	8,387,025	5,762	25,779,021	5,961	26,233,199
MAR	3,367	13,484,477	1,031	6,411,471	1,780	8,881,394	6,178	28,777,342	6,354	29,204,647
FEB	3,383	13,400,979	1,120	6,148,229	1,801	8,827,825	6,304	28,377,033	6,461	28,811,800
JAN	3,562	14,407,629	1,187	6,588,884	2,290	10,878,834	7,039	31,875,347	7,203	32,299,544
TOTAL 1983	37,984	140,272,841	12,592	69,420,030	23,484	102,895,223	74,060	312,588,094	76,081	317,328,986
TOTAL 1982	40,109	152,703,014	17,138	99,077,187	25,773	121,913,476	83,020	373,693,677	85,252	378,972,970

See footnotes on page 5.

TABLE II: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF EXPLORATORY WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF AUGUST 29, 1986[1]

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1986	658	4,087,960	381	2,728,003	3,174	18,628,501	4,213	25,444,464
1986: AUG	16	93,727	4	29,149	173	989,190	193	1,112,066
JUL	41	224,752	25	144,902	282	1,532,104	348	1,901,758
JUN	43	262,292	32	200,854	255	1,435,238	330	1,898,384
MAY	68	404,922	39	316,971	356	2,129,286	463	2,851,179
APR	84	580,236	54	459,130	397	2,274,104	535	3,313,470
MAR	106	722,142	66	537,618	502	2,902,426	674	4,162,186
FEB	118	743,092	70	508,615	485	3,114,187	673	4,365,894
JAN	182	1,056,797	91	530,764	724	4,251,966	997	5,839,527
TOTAL 1985	1,753	10,147,092	1,218	8,172,847	8,871	48,974,193	11,842	67,294,132
1985: DEC	143	842,651	78	525,365	833	4,732,079	1,054	6,100,095
NOV	109	643,827	86	639,892	665	3,660,686	860	4,944,405
OCT	145	803,938	84	480,947	758	4,029,767	987	5,314,652
SEP	120	648,207	72	492,108	729	3,930,188	921	5,070,503
AUG	170	1,000,026	95	616,958	808	4,229,297	1,073	5,846,281
JUL	137	791,260	90	585,897	736	3,868,528	963	5,245,685
JUN	128	655,222	111	798,326	672	3,393,809	911	4,847,357
MAY	153	883,722	123	779,966	675	3,768,121	951	5,431,809
APR	128	708,239	112	765,534	711	4,051,748	951	5,525,521
MAR	181	1,088,703	106	687,077	734	4,136,867	1,021	5,912,647
FEB	164	1,026,618	119	832,260	683	4,054,607	966	5,913,485
JAN	175	1,054,679	142	968,517	867	5,118,496	1,184	7,141,692
TOTAL 1984	2,313	12,508,784	1,557	9,795,889	10,980	58,160,121	14,850	80,464,794
1984: DEC	156	797,748	104	580,181	940	5,407,745	1,200	6,785,674
NOV	179	988,586	111	666,224	857	4,733,328	1,147	6,388,138
OCT	159	825,650	139	893,637	945	4,827,769	1,243	6,547,056
SEP	216	1,170,730	129	871,775	894	4,571,425	1,239	6,613,930
AUG	187	998,761	124	806,449	1,069	5,530,717	1,380	7,335,927
JUL	190	989,346	150	982,743	1,056	5,222,394	1,396	7,194,485
JUN	199	1,110,611	134	777,040	1,069	5,307,957	1,402	7,195,608
MAY	214	1,167,446	133	826,856	839	4,590,164	1,186	6,584,466
APR	155	901,620	99	678,757	753	4,073,441	1,007	5,653,818
MAR	216	1,200,913	152	1,035,415	740	4,163,906	1,108	6,400,234
FEB	206	1,163,415	150	889,126	810	4,440,602	1,166	6,493,143
JAN	236	1,193,956	132	787,686	1,008	5,290,673	1,376	7,272,315
TOTAL 1983	2,131	10,614,709	1,617	10,108,608	10,045	48,301,570	13,793	69,024,887
TOTAL 1982	2,485	13,504,484	2,132	14,616,499	11,213	60,250,283	15,830	88,371,266

See footnotes on page 5.

TABLE III: TOTAL NUMBER OF WELLS AND FOOTAGE ADDITIONS[1] BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR REPORTED TO THE API DURING AUGUST 1986

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS AND DRY HOLES		TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[4] CURRENT MONTH	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1986	1,240	5,581,682	538	2,969,595	984	4,590,120	2,762	13,141,397	2,832	13,409,704
1986: AUG	258	1,138,701	48	257,547	414	1,927,649	720	3,323,897	730	3,358,724
JUL	430	1,986,509	138	860,712	304	1,531,680	872	4,378,901	896	4,474,736
JUN	225	980,140	123	744,169	93	385,948	441	2,110,257	450	2,148,030
MAY	119	544,782	76	401,983	59	251,817	254	1,198,582	259	1,221,416
APR	58	284,821	55	280,562	33	137,810	146	703,193	153	736,118
MAR	61	297,042	35	140,532	36	142,302	132	579,876	134	584,510
FEB	43	197,192	29	169,866	24	120,599	96	487,657	100	498,075
JAN	46	152,495	34	114,224	21	92,315	101	359,034	110	388,095
TOTAL 1985	232	615,836	136	700,154	105	338,986	473	1,654,976	499	1,705,615
1985: DEC	36	119,307	25	124,654	12	40,661	73	284,622	78	292,112
NOV	32	104,071	17	120,888	13	63,689	62	288,648	63	290,123
OCT	21	62,204	22	81,926	15	46,370	58	190,500	59	192,000
SEP	13	30,228	17	54,725	7	12,947	37	97,900	37	97,900
AUG	41	71,402	16	95,512	8	42,586	65	209,500	70	212,714
JUL	20	32,993	7	41,670	14	37,621	41	112,284	43	118,794
JUN	16	37,490	9	36,901	9	24,683	34	99,074	35	100,794
MAY	13	38,307	0	0	6	21,636	19	59,943	21	61,586
APR	9	31,958	3	15,611	7	17,721	19	65,290	24	84,338
MAR	12	21,168	7	50,950	2	4,828	21	76,946	22	77,768
FEB	9	27,222	10	58,164	6	12,487	25	97,873	26	97,894
JAN	10	39,486	3	19,153	6	13,757	19	72,396	21	79,592
TOTAL 1984	64	178,779	49	183,468	56	201,104	169	563,351	180	581,000
1984: DEC	10	19,557	6	21,740	9	17,397	25	58,694	25	58,694
NOV	3	10,711	12	42,574	2	6,721	17	60,006	18	61,343
OCT	4	13,814	1	3,800	2	27,347	7	44,961	7	44,961
SEP	8	9,549	3	7,915	8	16,713	19	34,177	20	36,155
AUG	6	13,299	3	19,068	7	21,774	16	54,141	17	54,559
JUL	3	12,454	5	18,543	8	40,326	16	71,323	17	72,468
JUN	5	33,473	7	17,720	1	3,000	13	54,193	16	63,999
MAY	7	29,131	4	29,275	3	20,780	14	79,186	15	79,846
APR	4	10,961	0	0	5	9,937	9	20,898	9	20,898
MAR	5	6,845	3	8,912	6	21,126	14	36,883	14	36,883
FEB	4	5,639	0	0	2	7,559	6	13,198	8	13,936
JAN	5	13,346	5	13,921	3	8,424	13	35,691	14	37,258
TOTAL 1983	45	73,275	16	79,795	32	96,465	93	249,535	96	256,189
YRS PRIOR TO 1983	34	69,978	7	13,244	35	76,951	76	160,173	77	160,880
TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[5]	1,615	6,519,550	746	3,946,256	1,212	5,303,626	3,573	15,769,432	3,684	16,113,388

See footnotes on page 5.

TABLE I AND TABLE II:

1. The cumulative number of wells reported in this table is the total number of wells included in the API database for each of the months and years shown, as of August 29, 1986. These data are preliminary and subject to further revisions.

2. Includes multiple completion wells which produce oil from at least one zone, but may produce gas from one or more zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well.

3. Includes multiple completion wells which produce gas from all zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well. Gas wells also include so-called condensate wells.

4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. (Not applicable to Table II.)

TABLE III:

1. Total number of wells received by the API during the report month and classified by completion month and year. These wells are included in Tables I and II.

2. See footnote (2) above.

3. See footnote (3) above.

4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells.

5. Total wells reported are those received by the API for the report period July 26, 1986 through August 29, 1986. The sub-totals shown for each yearly period may not add up to the total wells reported for the period. Some wells, received during the report period, may have been completed in years prior to those shown in Table III.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

In 1966 the American Petroleum Institute, in conjunction with other industry associations and federal and state agencies, agreed on a set of definitions for terms used in reporting statistical information. Included were the definitions for oil wells and gas wells, which have appeared as footnotes in the API's drilling publications since 1970. In most cases these definitions were adhered to.

The one exception to this was in the state of Ohio, where a substantial number of wells produce primarily gas along with relatively small amounts of oil. The Ohio Division of Oil and Gas classified these as "combination" wells. In reporting these wells to the API, the Ohio Oil and Gas Division developed a formula for classifying these combination wells as either oil or gas. Therefore, for the years 1970 through 1985, certain wells were classified as gas wells, which under the API definitions would have been classified as oil wells.

Petroleum Information Corporation, on the other hand, adhered to the definitions established, and thus reported these wells as oil wells. Thus, beginning in 1986, when PI was retained as the source for drilling information, wells which in the past would have been reported as gas wells now are being included in the oil well category.

This change will not be too apparent for the current report period since the reporting time lag for some areas tends to minimize the impact. However, as more 1986 data are reported to the API, the shift in well classification, from gas to oil, will become evident.

Therefore, the API has modified its data base and has changed the previously reported gas wells to oil wells to coincide with the new reporting basis. Thus, the April "Monthly Completion Report" shows the number of oil wells and gas wells for the current month and all prior months on the new basis.

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REPORT ON WELL COMPLETIONS IN THE UNITED STATES[1]

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Cumulative Number of Wells Reported as Completed
For Each of the Past 12 Months

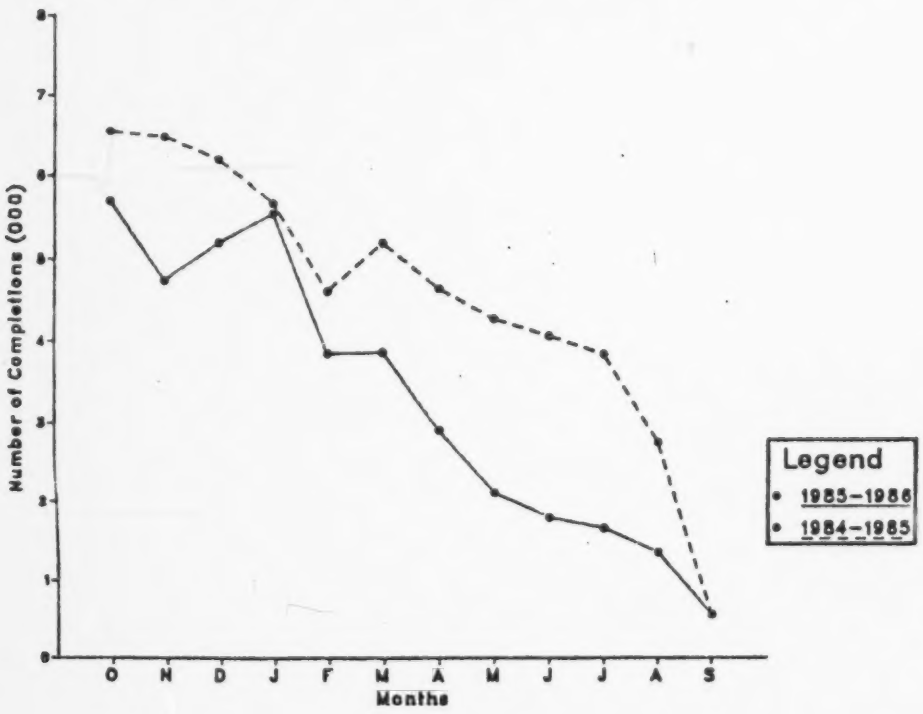

TABLE 1: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF TOTAL WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF SEPTEMBER 26, 1986[1]

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES		TOTAL ALL WELLS[4]	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1986	11,993	50,892,432	3,875	22,632,035	7,777	39,838,937	23,645	113,363,404	24,006	114,691,923
1986: SEP	208	802,441	42	255,017	308	1,666,296	558	2,723,754	560	2,728,894
AUG	557	2,484,891	168	961,300	642	3,079,461	1,367	6,525,652	1,386	6,587,837
JUL	702	3,208,753	294	1,615,154	668	3,385,415	1,664	8,209,322	1,704	8,354,189
JUN	779	3,388,781	344	1,995,500	674	3,229,746	1,797	8,614,027	1,822	8,716,089
MAY	979	4,537,006	378	2,247,471	753	3,901,308	2,110	10,685,785	2,157	10,875,640
APR	1,497	6,790,049	519	3,243,502	895	4,527,866	2,911	14,561,417	2,959	14,757,575
MAR	2,092	9,008,747	615	3,759,245	1,150	5,699,522	3,857	18,467,514	3,903	18,615,541
FEB	2,155	9,249,451	616	3,703,291	1,074	6,010,194	3,845	18,962,936	3,904	19,194,308
JAN	3,024	11,422,313	899	4,851,555	1,613	8,339,129	5,536	24,612,997	5,611	24,861,850
TOTAL 1985	34,512	137,284,167	12,124	67,312,946	20,177	100,291,864	66,813	304,888,977	68,386	309,808,851
1985: DEC	2,642	10,766,089	838	4,758,155	1,717	8,877,720	5,197	24,401,964	5,272	24,669,980
NOV	2,452	9,798,625	819	4,742,152	1,468	7,335,318	4,739	21,876,095	4,809	22,138,776
OCT	2,857	11,355,985	1,145	5,885,598	1,688	8,236,194	5,690	25,477,777	5,780	25,796,350
SEP	2,704	10,379,044	1,021	5,356,030	1,641	8,050,087	5,366	23,785,161	5,453	24,030,528
AUG	3,189	12,233,286	1,077	5,808,453	1,850	8,789,093	6,116	26,830,832	6,208	27,095,308
JUL	2,989	11,124,034	1,048	5,788,191	1,743	8,214,648	5,780	25,126,873	5,933	25,554,041
JUN	2,946	11,014,712	992	5,333,814	1,601	7,556,469	5,439	23,904,995	5,582	24,352,726
MAY	2,771	11,456,226	886	4,976,685	1,616	8,073,477	5,273	24,506,388	5,465	25,085,438
APR	2,892	11,654,411	967	5,639,874	1,677	8,371,644	5,536	25,665,929	5,688	26,088,726
MAR	3,165	12,909,010	1,081	6,205,536	1,771	8,782,475	6,017	27,897,021	6,219	28,433,035
FEB	2,767	11,524,097	1,070	6,136,865	1,480	7,765,278	5,317	25,426,240	5,454	25,878,822
JAN	3,238	13,068,648	1,180	6,681,593	1,925	10,239,461	6,343	29,989,702	6,523	30,685,121
TOTAL 1984	43,293	165,146,971	14,568	80,149,575	24,741	117,357,663	82,602	362,654,209	84,776	368,339,029
1984: DEC	3,548	13,192,935	1,299	6,797,675	2,071	10,424,836	6,918	30,415,446	7,100	30,886,021
NOV	3,680	13,802,544	1,398	7,076,697	1,985	9,697,468	7,063	30,576,709	7,240	31,058,863
OCT	3,695	14,633,610	1,342	7,251,578	2,025	9,579,898	7,062	31,465,086	7,294	32,129,545
SEP	3,618	13,302,101	1,229	6,510,162	2,057	9,436,140	6,904	29,248,403	7,044	29,619,849
AUG	3,830	14,067,411	1,389	7,452,218	2,490	11,163,969	7,709	32,683,598	7,906	33,263,078
JUL	3,874	14,502,542	1,241	6,980,725	2,260	10,200,796	7,375	31,684,063	7,558	32,164,593
JUN	3,837	14,118,824	1,301	6,925,111	2,323	10,410,734	7,461	31,454,669	7,648	31,922,514
MAY	3,674	14,110,028	1,165	6,647,779	1,944	9,417,867	6,783	30,175,674	6,960	30,588,011
APR	3,210	12,080,954	857	5,327,560	1,706	8,399,709	5,773	25,808,223	5,973	26,270,108
MAR	3,372	13,494,178	1,032	6,412,787	1,784	8,899,092	6,188	28,806,057	6,365	29,241,062
FEB	3,387	13,417,776	1,125	6,166,809	1,803	8,833,072	6,315	28,417,657	6,473	28,852,564
JAN	3,568	14,424,068	1,190	6,600,474	2,293	10,894,082	7,051	31,918,624	7,215	32,342,821
TOTAL 1983	38,019	140,337,466	12,608	69,467,740	23,500	102,935,869	74,127	312,741,075	76,151	317,495,169
TOTAL 1982	40,128	152,751,442	17,147	99,112,943	25,782	121,943,680	83,057	373,808,065	85,289	379,087,358

See footnotes on page 5.

TABLE II. CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF EXPLORATORY WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF SEPTEMBER 26, 1986[1]

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1986	716	4,405,364	426	2,939,299	3,481	20,298,174	4,623	27,642,837
1986: SEP	7	30,682	7	30,740	131	762,475	145	823,897
AUG	37	209,320	16	97,740	278	1,553,448	331	1,860,508
JUL	51	287,697	38	211,653	299	1,600,177	388	2,099,527
JUN	47	277,682	37	215,771	272	1,518,847	356	2,012,300
MAY	71	409,726	40	317,606	367	2,171,604	478	2,898,936
APR	93	651,707	55	466,271	403	2,328,687	551	3,446,665
MAR	109	734,902	68	539,338	511	2,932,195	688	4,206,435
FEB	116	727,249	71	516,467	489	3,149,384	676	4,393,100
JAN	185	1,076,399	94	543,713	731	4,281,357	1,010	5,901,469
TOTAL 1985	1,760	10,174,198	1,224	8,201,764	8,908	49,129,279	11,892	67,505,241
1985: DEC	145	851,668	79	526,845	838	4,754,541	1,062	6,133,054
NOV	108	637,817	86	639,892	668	3,668,500	862	4,946,209
OCT	145	803,938	85	489,497	765	4,068,462	995	5,361,897
SEP	121	653,333	72	492,108	732	3,942,143	925	5,087,584
AUG	172	1,010,106	95	616,958	811	4,234,059	1,078	5,861,123
JUL	138	792,066	90	585,897	742	3,895,236	970	5,273,199
JUN	129	657,974	111	798,326	676	3,408,419	916	4,864,719
MAY	153	883,722	123	779,966	679	3,787,959	955	5,451,647
APR	129	713,574	113	772,762	713	4,059,990	955	5,546,326
MAR	181	1,088,703	108	693,892	734	4,136,867	1,023	5,919,262
FEB	164	1,026,618	119	832,260	683	4,054,607	966	5,913,485
JAN	175	1,054,679	143	973,561	867	5,118,496	1,185	7,146,736
TOTAL 1984	2,314	12,511,969	1,558	9,801,189	11,002	58,227,910	14,874	80,541,068
1984: DEC	156	797,748	104	580,181	942	5,410,443	1,202	6,788,372
NOV	179	988,586	111	666,224	858	4,737,819	1,148	6,392,629
OCT	159	825,650	140	898,937	946	4,830,654	1,245	6,555,241
SEP	216	1,170,730	129	871,775	897	4,588,395	1,242	6,630,900
AUG	187	998,761	124	806,449	1,070	5,532,717	1,381	7,337,927
JUL	191	992,533	150	982,743	1,057	5,225,744	1,398	7,201,020
JUN	199	1,110,611	134	777,040	1,073	5,309,770	1,406	7,197,421
MAY	214	1,167,446	133	826,856	841	4,591,797	1,188	6,586,099
APR	155	901,620	99	678,757	754	4,074,151	1,008	5,654,528
MAR	216	1,200,913	152	1,035,415	743	4,181,409	1,111	6,417,737
FEB	206	1,163,415	150	889,126	811	4,441,382	1,167	6,493,923
JAN	236	1,193,956	132	787,686	1,010	5,303,629	1,378	7,285,271
TOTAL 1983	2,133	10,618,187	1,618	10,111,625	10,051	48,321,799	13,802	69,051,611
TOTAL 1982	2,486	13,509,134	2,132	14,616,499	11,214	60,246,579	15,832	88,372,212

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TABLE III TOTAL NUMBER OF WELLS AND FOOTAGE ADDITIONS[1] BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR REPORTED TO THE API DURING SEPTEMBER 1986

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS AND DRY HOLES		TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[4] CURRENT MONTH	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1986	893	3,639,307	488	2,398,643	724	3,590,632	2,105	9,628,582	2,135	9,711,577
1986: SEP	208	802,441	42	255,017	308	1,666,296	558	2,723,754	560	2,728,894
AUG	299	1,346,169	120	703,753	232	1,162,546	651	3,212,468	660	3,239,826
JUL	141	621,655	123	553,633	66	304,061	330	1,479,349	342	1,513,375
JUN	48	159,367	80	339,921	36	140,919	164	640,207	166	644,672
MAY	40	163,008	35	172,711	23	62,716	98	398,435	100	403,319
APR	37	168,815	26	135,493	15	83,387	78	387,695	80	393,955
MAR	34	115,401	28	117,854	20	95,960	82	329,215	82	329,215
FEB	47	133,002	17	68,595	14	48,720	78	250,317	78	250,317
JAN	39	129,449	17	51,666	10	26,027	66	207,142	67	208,004
TOTAL 1985	173	478,082	110	447,905	97	271,667	380	1,197,654	390	1,223,231
1985: DEC	31	90,874	18	63,694	12	40,022	61	194,590	62	202,470
NOV	20	51,337	14	56,649	5	12,747	39	120,733	41	122,578
OCT	23	45,295	12	38,038	11	41,297	46	124,630	47	129,972
SEP	15	39,488	13	57,705	13	33,592	41	130,785	46	139,245
AUG	12	36,189	9	45,599	6	11,907	27	93,695	27	93,695
JUL	14	45,596	4	12,065	22	61,456	40	119,117	40	119,117
JUN	12	29,002	3	15,880	4	13,501	19	58,383	19	58,383
MAY	10	22,896	7	34,044	9	22,297	26	79,237	27	81,287
APR	10	33,789	10	47,242	4	7,656	24	88,687	24	88,687
MAR	9	24,727	9	37,845	5	13,624	23	76,196	23	76,196
FEB	11	36,752	3	12,729	2	6,113	16	55,594	16	55,594
JAN	6	22,137	8	26,415	4	7,455	18	56,007	18	56,007
TOTAL 1984	57	156,359	40	152,157	48	141,958	145	450,474	150	470,854
1984: DEC	7	19,750	3	22,384	8	19,330	18	61,464	18	61,464
NOV	4	15,146	2	3,219	5	14,425	11	32,790	11	32,790
OCT	4	8,573	4	21,985	3	7,990	11	38,548	11	38,548
SEP	10	22,672	0	0	3	16,575	13	39,247	13	39,247
AUG	4	8,288	1	7,796	7	40,590	12	56,674	12	56,674
JUL	3	12,136	7	27,144	3	8,414	13	47,694	14	49,209
JUN	2	3,930	12	36,338	4	1,813	18	42,081	19	45,131
MAY	3	2,544	2	1,805	3	5,215	8	9,564	9	9,979
APR	6	26,488	0	0	5	9,284	11	35,772	12	43,472
MAR	5	9,701	1	1,316	3	7,687	9	18,704	10	26,404
FEB	3	10,692	5	18,580	2	5,247	10	34,519	10	34,519
JAN	6	16,439	3	11,590	2	5,388	11	33,417	11	33,417
TOTAL 1983	33	62,978	14	42,511	13	27,043	60	132,532	62	145,662
YRS PRIOR TO 1983	14	42,189	9	35,756	8	29,250	31	107,195	31	107,195
TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[5]	1,170	4,378,915	661	3,076,972	890	4,060,550	2,721	11,516,437	2,768	11,658,519

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TABLE I AND TABLE II:

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2. Includes multiple completion wells which produce oil from at least one zone, but may produce gas from one or more zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well.

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1. Total number of wells received by the API during the report month and classified by completion month and year. These wells are included in Tables I and II.

2. See footnote (2) above.

3. See footnote (3) above.

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